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At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Lynn. 18th of 8th month. 1831. 1831. 8th mo.

Accounts being received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are; For Salem — James Purinton, Charles Chase, Nathaniel Walden, James Breed jr. & Abner Chase.— Represent.s

——— Seabrook — Edward Gove jr., Ezekiel Jones & David Dow.—

——— Weare.— John Page, Thos. Davis & Johnson Gove.—

who are present.—

Our esteemed friend Joseph Hoag attended this meeting, with a Certificate from Ferrisburgh Monthly meeting of 4th month last, and endorsed by Ferrisburg Quarterly meeting 5th month. 1831, whose company and gospel labours have been acceptable.— Jos. Hoag present.

Also, our friend Lindley M. Hoag attended this meeting, with a Certificate from Ferrisburgh monthly Meeting, and endorsed by Ferrisburgh Quarterly meeting 5th of 5th mo. 1831; whose company & gospel labours have been acceptable.— L. M. Hoag present.

The Queries were read at this time, with the required answers from our several monthly meetings.— Queries read

The Committee on the subject of a new apportionment are continued.— Apportionm.t Committee Continued.

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting were received and read at this time as follows, and copies thereof forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings. Yearly Meet.g Extracts.

"At a Yearly meeting of Friends for New-England, held on Rhode Island, from the 12th to the 17th, inclusive,

1831. of the sixth month. 1831.

8th mo. The following Report of the Boarding School Committee was received and read, and being considered, was satisfactory to this Meeting, and the Clerk was directed to forward copies thereof to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings. –

To the Yearly Meeting.

Board'g School Committee's Report. The Boarding School Committee report, That they have during the past year, endeavored to promote the objects of their appointment in a general superintendence of the Institution, & think they may inform, that its various concerns have been conducted in accordance with the intention of Friends in its establishment.

Meetings for worship have been regularly kept up, and the family preserved in harmony.

The School is continued under the immediate care of Enoch and Lydia Breed, as Superintendants, with the assistance of Stephen and Hannah Gould. – Moses A. Cartland, Jeremiah Hacker, and Pliny Earl jun. are at present employed as Teachers in the Boy's School, and Deborah Ramsdell, Sarah Fry, and Dorcas Fry in the Girls'. – Benjamin B. Hussey, Lydia B. Allen, & Phebe Burgess, have also been employed during a part of the past year. – Arrangements are now made with Caroline Cartland to occupy the place of an associate Teacher, and she is expected to enter upon her duties as such in a few days. The average number of Scholars during the year has been one hundred and twenty-eight. Their health has been generally good, and their conduct and improvement in their studies have been satisfactory to the Committee. The accounts of the Treasurer of the School Fund and of the Superintendent have been received and audited, and the state of the fund is such, that the Committee think it safe to propose, that Children who are members of this Yearly Meeting continue to be admitted at twelve and a half dollars per quarter; and that the privilege of sending children free of expense be continued to Monthly Meetings the same as last year. The subject of extending the branches of education in the School, which was referred to the Committee by the last Yearly Meeting, claimed their early consideration and they have proceeded in the erection of an addition to the School House, suitable for the accommodation of Scholars who wish to pursue a more extended course of education. A person to have the charge of these branches of learning has not yet been procured, but the Committee entertain a hope, that one suitably qualified, may soon be engaged. — It still continues to be the desire of the Committee, that Friends who place their children in the School should be careful that they are habited in plain attire, and instructed to conform carefully to the rules and regulations of the Institution. — And they feel the propriety of again reviving the advice contained in their Report last year, that Friends avoid sending Boys over ~~the~~ fourteen years of age to the School, until they have first obtained the approbation of the Committee that meets at Providence on the third-day after the last fifth-day in each month. —

Signed on behalf of the Committee,
Moses Brown,
Alice Rathbun.

Providence, 5 mo. 6. 1831.

"We are informed by Baltimore Yearly Meeting, that the following additional Correspondents have been appointed since last year, viz:

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Thomas Bowen & James Macreal, for Dunnings' Creek Mo. Meeting.

"John Griffith jun. & Mahlon Scholfield, for Hopewell Mo. Meet.

One of whom is to sign, in addition to the usual signatures of the clerks all minutes and certificates issued by these Meetings for Ministers and members of our religious society.—

———— By Philadelphia Yearly Meeting,— that they have appointed as Correspondents,

For Philadelphia Quarter, Caleb Pierce and Charles Allen.

Abington,	Abraham Keyser, Germantown.
Concord,	John Bullock, Wilmington, Del.
Caln,	James Embree, Bradford, Chester Co.
Western,	Solomon Lukens, Coatsville, Chester Co.
Haddonfield,	Uriah Borton, Evesham, N. J.—
Burlington,	Simon Gillam, Mansfield, Burlington Co.

in place of William Newbold, deceased.—

———— By New York Yearly Meeting, that

David Allen, of Charleston, Montgomery Co. N.Y. is appointed Correspondent for Duanesburgh Monthly Meeting.—

Nathan Bishop of New Hartford, Oneida Co. N.Y. Correspondent for Bridgewater Monthly Meeting.

James Brown, of Peekskill, Westchester Co. N.Y. Correspondent for Amawalk Monthly Meeting.

From the minutes of said Meeting,

A. Shearman Jun. Clerk."

"At a Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode-Island in the sixth month. 1831.

It was concluded to raise eight hundred dollars for the service of the ensuing year and the several Quarterly Meetings were requested to forward their respective proportions of that sum to our Treasurer. Salem Quarterly Meeting's proportion is One hundred Dollars.- 8th mo.

Signed on behalf of said Meeting,

Abraham Shearman Jr. Clerk."

Our esteemed friend Abigail Miller laid before this A. meeting a concern that had, for a long time, impressed her mind, to make a religious visit to Friends & others, visit mostly within the limits of Ferrisburg Quarterly Meeting, State of Vermont; which, after deliberation, is united with. She being a minister in unity with us, the Clerk is directed to endorse the substance of this minute on her Certificate, and sign it in behalf of this meeting.

The Representatives to our last Yearly Meeting inform they all attended.

The business being accomplished, we conclude, Conclusion. purposing to meet again at Weare, at the usual time in the tenth month next.-

Signed on behalf of the meeting,

Daniel Johnson, Clerk.

1831. At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends

10 month. held at Weare 20th. of 10th. Month. 1831.—

Clerks. The Clerk and assistant clerk being absent Isaac Bassett is appointed Clerk and Samuel Boyce assistant for the day.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives are—

For Salem.— Abijah Chase, John Buxton jr., Enoch Page, Isaac Bassett, and Nathan Breed.

—Seabrook.— Ezekiel Jones, Amos Peisley and Nathan Hanson.

—Weare.— Levi Gove, Abijah Johnson and John Chase.—

who are all present.

The Queries, with the required answers from our several Monthly Meetings, have been read at this time.—

The subject of removing our Yearly meeting to a more central place was at this time introduced & spread before the meeting and is referred to our next Quarterly meeting for further consideration.

The Committee on the subject of a new apportionment are again continued.—

Information being received at this time, that the Bibles subscribed for by our Monthly Meetings, have been received, the Clerk is directed to forward them to our Monthly meetings; in the proportion subscribed for by each; for distribution.—

The London printed Epistle for the present year, has at this time been received and read, to our satisfaction and encouragement. Ep. recd

Our beloved friend John Meader attended this meeting with a certificate from Berwick Monthly Meeting of the 25th of 9th month last and has also attended several appointed meetings in this vicinity: His company and gospel labours have been satisfactory and edifying: The Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The business being accomplished at this time, we conclude, purposing to meet again at Seabrook, at the usual time in the first month next.

Signed on behalf of the meeting.
Isaac Bassett
Clerk for the day.

1832. At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends
1st m. held at Seabrook. 19th of 1st month. 1832.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives are,

[illegible] For Salem. Daniel Osborn, Estes Nichols, Enoch Page and Henry Chase.

—— Seabrook. Edward Gove Jr. Robert Brown, Israel Norris, and David Dow.

—— Weare. Daniel Gove 2d, Jonathan Hoag & John Page.—

who are all present but one.

Clerks [illegible] The Clerk and assistant Clerk being absent, Thomas Folsom is appointed Clerk and Robert Brown assistant for the day.—

[illegible] The Queries with the required answers from our several Monthly Meetings, have been read at this time.—

[illegible] The subject of removing our Yearly Meeting to a more central place, being again before this meeting is referred to our next Quarterly Meeting.—

Apportionment Committee Continued. The Committee on the subject of a new apportionment are continued.—

[illegible] This meeting is informed by Salem Monthly Meeting that they are united in displacing Isaac Bassett from the Station of an Elder, which after a season of consideration is united with the women concurring herein, and the Clerk is directed to give the necessary information.—

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This meeting is informed by Seabrook monthly Meeting that they are united in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Mehitable Folsom which being weighty considered is with the concurrence of the Women, united with by this meeting; and the Clerk is directed to give the necessary information. —

M. Folsom ministry approved.

Abigail Miller at this time returned the certificate granted her by this meeting in the 8th month 1831. together with minutes of approbation from Sandwich Monthly meeting held in the 8th month last, and from Ferrisburgh monthly and Quarterly Meetings held in the 9th month last; which have been read to satisfaction.

The business being accomplished at this time, we conclude, purposing to meet again at Salem at the usual time in the Fifth month next.

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Thomas Folsom
Clerk for the day.

1832. At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends
5th. Mo. held at Salem, 24th. of 5th. month. 1832.

By accounts received from our several monthly Meetings the Representatives are,

[illegible] For Salem — Jonathan Nichols, Samuel Neall
Henry Chase, Samuel P. Johnson;
and Samuel Boyce.
— Seabrook. Ezekiel Jones, Edward Gove junior,
Thomas Folsom and Robert Brown. —
— Weare — John Page, Thomas Davis, and
Abijah Johnson. —

Who, being called, are present except two. —

[illegible] The Queries have been read in this meeting, with answers from our several Monthly Meetings, from which a summary is compiled for the Yearly Meeting to be held on Rhode-Island in the sixth month next, and Estes Newhall, Jonathan Nichols, John Page, Edward Gove jr., and Daniel Osborn, are appointed to attend the same as representatives. —

[illegible] Y. Meeting [illegible]. The subject of removing our Yearly Meeting to a more central place, is referred to our next Quarterly Meeting. —

[illegible] continued. The Committee on the subject of a new apportionment, is again continued. —

Seabrook Monthly Meeting inform that, they

[illegible] are united in approving the publick appearances in the ministry of Elizabeth Gove; which, after a time of deliberation, is united with by this meeting, the women also concurring; (and the Clerk is directed to give the necessary information. 1832.

Y. Meeting Stock & Contribution

It appearing by a minute of our last Yearly meeting that this meeting's proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock is One hundred Dollars, and this meeting being at this time informed that, the sum of Five dollars is necessary to pay for new books of record; our Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions of said sums to our Treasurer, according to the present apportionment.

The Treasurer of this meeting is directed to pay our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

The business of this meeting being accomplished, we conclude, purposing to meet again at Lynn, at the usual time in the Eighth Month next, at the 10th. hour in the forenoon.

Signed on behalf of the meeting.
Daniel Johnson. Clerk.

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Lynn 16th of 8th Month 1832.

By accounts received from our several Monthly meetings the Representatives are

Represent.ts For Salem -- Stephen Nichols, Abijah Chase, James Purinton and [illegible] B. Chase. —

— Seabrook. - Robert Brown, Edward Gove jr. and [illegible] [illegible]. —

— Weare — [illegible] Sawyer, John Page and Thomas Davis. —

Who are all present. —

Adjourned to the 3rd hour in the afternoon. —

Afternoon — met according to adjournment. —

Clerks The Representatives have proposed Daniel Johnson for Clerk and William Bassett for Assistant, which being approved by the meeting they are accordingly appointed to that service until the fifth month next.

Queries read. The Queries have been read at this time with the required answers from our several Monthly meetings.

The subject of removing our Yearly Meeting to a more central place, is again referred to our next Quarterly Meeting. —

Our beloved friend Hannah Chapman Backhouse attended this meeting with certificates of unity and sympathy with her in her visit amongst us from Darlington Monthly Meeting (England) dated 16th of 3rd month 1830, endorsed by the Quarterly meeting of Durham 6th of 4th

month, and a Certificate from the Yearly meeting of 1832. 8th m
Ministers and Elders held in London in the fifth month
of the same year.— Her company and Gospel labours
have been acceptable.—

Also, our friend Eliza P. Kirkbride, companion
to the above named friend, attended this meeting, with E.P. Kirkbrid
a copy of a minute from a Monthly Meeting of Friends present.
of Philadelphia for the northern district dated 20th of
4th month. 1832; whose company has been acceptable.—

The Committee on the subject of a new app! Com:
apportionment are again continued. continued

Seabrook Monthly Meeting having at this time
suggested for the consideration of this meeting the pro- Alteration
priety of an alteration of the time and places of holding in the Q. meetin
the Quarterly Meetings, we appoint Enoch Page, proposed &
Estes Newhall, Edward Gove Jun!, John Page, John Committ
Sawyer, Levi Gove, Robert Brown, Jonathan Nich- appoint
-ols, Nathan Breed of Lynn, and Jonathan Beede
to take the subject into consideration, and report
at our next Quarterly meeting.—

An Epistle from our last Yearly meeting,
together with Extracts from the minutes of said meet-
-ing have been received and read at this time,
and the Clerk is directed to transmit copies there-
of to our several Monthly Meetings.—

"From our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New Y. meeting
England, held on Rhode-Island from the 10th to the Epistle.
15th inclusive of the sixth month. 1832.

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To our several Quarterly, Monthly, and Preparative Meetings.

Dear Friends,

Y. Meeting Epistle.

The reading of the answers to the Queries, received from our several Quarterly Meetings, has introduced our minds into a deep felt exercise in beholding the many and various deficiencies from our profession therein set forth. Among the particulars we have considered the [illegible] want of faithfulness in the attendance of our religious Meetings. When we consider the duty of assembling together for public worship to Almighty God, in the light of a public acknowledgement of our belief in him and in the gracious revelation of his will through his dear Son, our Lord, what vital importance does the performance of this duty assume. In a feeling of Gospel love and of our responsibility to Him who hath called us to be a people, and in some measure, whom he hath qualified us through his mercy to labor for his cause, let us revive for the serious and solemn consideration of our brethren in religious profession that memorable language of our blessed Lord when in that [illegible] body: "Also I say unto you whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man confess before the angels of God: but he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the Angels of God". We are confirmed in the belief that as the love of the things of time and the fleeting enjoyments of this world, shall be lessened among us, and the love of God shall take its place in our hearts, we shall be more concerned faithfully to perform this important duty, and in regularly assembling with our brethren, for public worship, and reverently waiting before Him, we shall graciously experience our strength in Him to be renewed, whereby we shall be enabled to withstand the assaults of temptation, and our souls be refreshed with his life giving presence. - Let us then, we tenderly exhort, be Christian more [illegible] also to the great importance of this solemn [illegible] and interesting duty. —

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And as the love of God increases and abounds among us, love one unto another will also prevail. - Bound together by the sacred ties of Gospel fellowship, our brethren will become exceedingly near to our best feelings, and that heavenly charity which suffereth long and is kind, will become more and more our covering. - And O, that Friends every where were duly impressed with the necessity of preserving the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace, and avoiding doubtful disputations, and setting out to the world [illegible] that which is [illegible] steadily to believe in the all-important truths of the ever blessed Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, That God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on him, should not perish, but have everlasting life; that he came into the world [illegible] in the Holy Scriptures; that he took upon him [illegible] manifesting his Divine Power for the sins of men; that he died for our sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us unto God; that he rose again for our justification, and ever liveth to make intercession for us; that he is God over all, blessed forever. —— These all-important truths, as we humbly seek to be established therein, will indeed cement us together, and enable us through faith, to bear unitedly our

testimony

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testimony to the mercy and goodness of our Heavenly Father. Thus will true unity and religious fellowship be experienced.

[illegible]
Epistle
continued.

As being thus established, how exceedingly precious will these testimonies which we are called upon to bear become in our view. — For being measurably redeemed from the love of the world we shall be prepared to seek the adorning of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price, rather than the vain ornaments of the world, and be preserved in the simplicity which becometh the Gospel of Christ. —

The giving way to the temptation so abundantly offered by the press in the present day, to what may be appropriately termed, light reading; we have been induced to believe, has had its influence in producing, in many instances, a deviation from the simplicity of our profession, not only in faith, but in practice — indisposing the mind for serious reflection, giving it a disrelish for the perusal of more solid and useful works, and lastly, but gradually weakening of that firm reliance upon superior aid, which can alone sustain the mind, in the hour of trial and temptation, and rightly bear it up amid the many vicissitudes of time. —

The practice of a daily reading of the Holy Scriptures, with an earnest desire that He who alone holds the key, open them to our understanding, and apply them effectually to the heart, has been strongly brought before us. And as we assuredly believe that these invaluable writings, according to their own testimony, are able to make us wise unto salvation, through faith, which is in Jesus Christ, how exceedingly important that we neglect not this precious treasure which in the mercy of God has been vouchsafed to all for our reproof, correction and instruction in righteousness. 1832. 6 mo. And we are confirmed in the belief, that as parents and heads of families are concerned daily to call around them the family the objects of their care, and with prayerful hearts for the divine blessing upon their endeavours, to read to them a portion of the sacred volume, allowing a space for silent introversion of soul to God, a great blessing will be experienced. The truths revealed in the Scriptures will become increasingly interesting and precious in our view, and in that of our children and dependants, and the ever blessed cause of truth and righteousness be furthered and [illegible] promoted. We therefore recommend and tenderly exhort Friends to this practice, and greatly desire their encouragement therein.

And we fervently desire, that all in profession with us, may be renewedly stirred up to more faithfulness and watchfulness in the cause of Christ, remembering that the time is short, and that we are enjoined to work while the day lasts, for the night cometh wherein no man can work.

Signed on behalf of said Meeting
Abraham Shearman jr. Clerk.

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island from the 10th to the 15th inclusive of the 6th mo. 1832.

The following Report of the Boarding School Committee was received and read, viz.

To the Yearly Meeting.

B.S. Com. The Boarding School Committee Report: That they have during the past year, superintended the Institution and [illegible] have reason to believe that it has been conducted in good degree Read as contemplated by Friends in its establishment. Meetings have been regularly kept up as heretofore.- The average number of scholars has been one hundred and sixty-three.

The School has been continued under the care of Enoch and Lydia Breed as Superintendents, with the assistance of Stephen and Hannah Gould.- Moses A. Cartland, Pliny Earl, jun. and Jonathan Slocum have been employed as Teachers in the Boys' School and Hannah Gould, Abby [illegible] and Caroline Cartland, in the Girls'.- Moses B. Lockwood and Isabella Horton have also been engaged as assistants, during a part of the year.

The accounts of the Treasurer of the School Fund and of the Superintendent have been received and audited.- The state of the fund is such that the Committee think it expedient to propose, that each Monthly Meeting have the privilege of sending one scholar six months, free of expense, and that the price for Scholars generally be continued the same as last year.

The Committee believe it best to propose for the consideration of the Yearly Meeting the encouraging Friends to endeavour to send their children to the School, as nearly as may be at the following periods, viz. at the time of our Yearly Meeting or in the first week of the second, fifth, eighth and eleventh months. And they would further propose that children should not be sent for a less time than six months;

unless under peculiar circumstances, the consent of the sub-committee be obtained for a less term. 1832. 8 mo.

Since our last Report, the department of the School for instruction in the Languages and some of the higher branches of Science has been commenced under the care of Samuel [illegible] of [illegible], whose services have been performed acceptably to [illegible] this Committee. - The terms for the admission of Scholars, who continue are members of our Yearly Meeting, into this department, are One hundred Dollars per annum, exclusive of Books and Stationery, and no Scholar is admitted for a less term than one year, nor until permission shall have been granted for such admission by the Sub-Committee.

In reviewing the state of the School for the past year, the Committee have cause to acknowledge with thankfulness, that the Family and Scholars have been generally favoured with health. -

Signed by appointment, and on behalf of the School Committee, held at Providence, 5th. month 11th. 1832. by

Moses Brown,

Elizabeth Wing.

[Which Report was referred to the consideration of a Committee composed of Friends from each of the Quarterly Meetings, who at a subsequent sitting reported, that they had carefully considered the propositions relative to periodical admission of Scholars, and the requisition that children be sent to the School for a term not less than six months, (unless under peculiar circumstances,) and were united in the opinion, that the adoption of these propositions

[illegible] of the School are not in-
[illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible].

The subject of the School having again been resumed, the Clerk was directed to annex to the Report of the Committee now to be sent down, the following extracts from advices approved by this Meeting, in 1825, viz.

"The School Committee, in the discharge of the im[illegible] [illegible] the Yearly Meeting itself, as well as the Friends who have contributed to the funds of the Institution, have had in view in the establishment of the School, and which they think [illegible] better expressed than in the language which accompanied the bequest of one of its early friends and most liberal bene[illegible]: that our children and youth "may receive a religious guarded education, free from the contaminating influence of the [illegible] [illegible] Truth, and that meek and quiet spirit exhibited by our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, whom we profess to follow".

It was in accordance with these views, that the Committee [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible].

"[illegible]

"since the opening of the Institution, that more general cir- 1832.
"cumspection should be exercised in sending children to the [illegible]
"School. And to propose to each meeting to make the
"[illegible] of the Yearly Meeting and [illegible] [illegible] appoint [illegible]
"it recommended that each Monthly Meeting appoint a [illegible]
"few suitable friends to whom (seasonable) application may
"be made by Parents or Guardians of Children who are
"desirous of placing them at the School; that the Friends
"so appointed consider it their duty not only to enjoin
"that the Children come in a plain dress, and in the use
"of the plain Scripture language, and that they are of
"good habits; and that they give a few lines to that
"subject, for the information of the Superintendent and
"Instructors at the School.

The Committee now feel it to be their duty to
recommend to the Monthly Meetings a careful selection of
[illegible] to other Friends, and that the subcommittees of said Com-
mittees be revived by them, to act in connection with
the members of this Committee, if any, who may re-
side within the limits of such Monthly Meeting."

From the minutes of said Meeting.
Abraham Shearman Jun. Clerk.

New England Yearly Meeting. 6 mo. 1832.

It was concluded to raise Nine hundred Dollars for the
service of the ensuing year; and our several Quarterly
Meetings are [illegible] to forward to the Treasurer, [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible] their usual proportions of

1832. this sum.

[illegible] Salem Quarterly Meeting's proportion is One hundred & twelve Dollars, 50 cents.

On behalf of said Meeting,
" Abrm. Shearman Jr. Clk."

The Representatives to our last Yearly meeting inform that they all attended.—

Conclusion. The business of this meeting being accomplished, we conclude, purposing to meet again at Salem at the usual time in the 10th month next.

Signed on behalf of the meeting.
Daniel Johnson, Clk.

List of Correspondents.

Correspondents. New York Yearly Meeting.

Richard [illegible] of Lockport, Niagara County, is appointed Correspondent for Hartland Monthly Meeting, in Farmington Quarter, in place of James Robson, deceased.

Indiana Yearly Meeting.

Miami Quarter.

Miami M. M. James Smith, Waynesville, Warren Co. Ohio.
Cincinnati, Ephraim Morgan, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Green Plain, John Wildman, Charlestown, Clark Co. Ohio.

West Branch Quarter.

West Branch, David Hole, West Milton; Maine Co. Ohio.—Alterations for either of the Correspondents for West Branch Quarterly meeting, & to be directed to West Milton, instead of Union as heretofore.

Fairfield Quarter.

Clear Creek, Jonathan Sanders, Leesburgh, Highland Co. Ohio.

White Water Quarter.-

Duck Creek, George Evans, Greensborough, Henry Co. Indiana.

West Grove, John Maxwell, Centreville, Wayne Co. Indiana.

Chester, Isaac Burker, Richmond, Wayne Co. Indiana.

Blue River Quarter.-

Driftwood, John C. Thomas, Columbus, Bartholomew Co. Indiana.

Lick Creek, Silas Dixon, Paoli, Orange Co. Indiana.

New Garden Quarter.-

Arba, William [illegible], New Garden, Wayne Co. Indiana.

Centre Quarter.

Springfield, Nathaniel Carter, Wilmington, Clinton Co. Ohio.

White Lick Quarter.

Fairfield, James Horton, Mooresville, Morgan Co. Indiana.

Sugar River, John Ellis, Lafayette, Tippecanoe Co. Indiana.

10 mo. At Salem Quarterly Meeting of friends held at Weare – 18th. of 10th. month. 1832. —

By accounts received from our several Monthly meetings, the Representatives therein named are —

For Salem – Nathan Breed, Jonathan Nichols,
Samuel Neall, Samuel Boyce, and
Henry Chase. — —

— Seabrook. Jonathan Beede, Edward Gove jr.,
Robert Brown, and Nathan Hanson.

— Weare – Daniel Gove 2d., Levi Gove, John
Chase, and John Sawyer. —

Who are all present but one. —

The Queries, with the required answers from our several Monthly Meetings, have been read at this time. —

Our Esteemed friends Benjamin and Phebe Tabour attended this meeting, with copies of minutes from Starksborough Monthly meeting held on the 5th. of the present month. Their company and gospel labours have been acceptable. —

The Committee on a new apportionment presented the following report, viz: —

"The Committee appointed by Salem Quarterly Meeting in the 10th month. 1832, respecting a new apportionment of Yearly meeting's Stock, do hereby inform, that the Committee have several times met and considered the subject, and are united in proposing to the Quarterly Meeting, that the proportion be con tinued as formerly, to wit:- Salem monthly meetings proportion ~~at~~ 40 per cent -- Weare 40 per cent - and Seabrook 20 per cent. -

(Signed)

Weare 18th of 10th mo: 1832. } Levi Gove
To the Quarterly Meeting - } on behalf of the Comm:

Which is accepted, and they are therefore dismissed from further service. -

The subject of removing our Yearly Meeting to a more central place is again continued. -

The Committee on the subject of the proposition from Seabrook monthly meeting respecting an alteration of the holding of our Quarterly Meeting, presented a report, which is deferred for consideration to next Quarterly Meeting. -

Salem Monthly Meeting informs that they are united in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Sophronia Page, which meeting the approbation of this meeting, the women also concurring, the Clerk is directed to give the necessary information. -

The business being accomplished, we conclude, purposing to meet again at Seabrook at the usual time in the first month next. -

Signed on behalf of the meeting -
Daniel Johnson Clk.

1833. At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Seabrook 17th. of 1st. Month 1833.—

Accounts are received from our several Monthly meetings, and the Representatives therein named are—

Rep: For Salem— Enoch Page, Henry Chase, Nathan Breed, Abijah Chase, & Jon.a Nichols.
— Seabrook. Jon.a Beede, Robert Brown, Simon Green and Edward Gove jr.
— Weare. Abijah Johnson, John Page and Thomas Davis.—

Who are all present.

Our beloved friend John Meeder attended this meeting with a certificate from Dover Monthly Meeting held 12th. mo. 26th. 1832. His company and gospel labours have been acceptable.—

The Queries have been read in this meeting with the required answers from our several monthly meetings.—

The subject of removing our Yearly Meeting to a more central place is again referred to our next Quarterly Meeting.—

The Report of the Committee on the subject of an alteration of the time and places of holding our Quarterly Meeting, again claiming the attention of this meeting; after deliberation thereon it is referred to the same committee for further consideration, and Jonathan Nichols, Samuel Page & Abijah Johnson are appointed to join them therein. —

Seabrook monthly meeting informs, that the public appearances in the ministry of Edward Gove junr., are approved by that meeting, which, after a season of deliberation, is united with, the women also concurring, and the Clerk is directed to give the necessary information. —

Our esteemed friends Benjamin and Phebe Tabour attended our last Quarterly Meeting, & most of the meetings constituting Weare Monthly Meeting, with a certificate from Starksborough Monthly Meeting held in the 10th mo. last. Their company and gospel labours among us have been to our satisfaction. — The Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute to Starksborough monthly Meeting. —

This meetings proportion of Yearly meeting Stock being One hundred & twelve Dollars & 50 Cents, our several monthly meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions to the Treasurer of this meeting. —

The business of this meeting having been accomplished, we conclude, purposing to meet again at Salem at the usual time in the fifth month next. —

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Wm Bassett
Assistant Clerk.

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At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Salem, 23rd of 5th month. 1833.

Accounts are received from our several Monthly Meetings, and the Representatives therein named are,

Represent:s: For Salem, - Abijah Chase, James Purinton, Theophilus Breed, Jonathan Nichols, and Nathan Breed. -

— Seabrook. - Edward Gove jr., Robert Brown, and Ezekiel Jones. -

— Weare. - Daniel Gove jr., Abijah Johnson, John Page, and Johnson Gove. -

Who are all present.

Clerks Appointed. The Representatives have proposed William Bassett for Clerk, and Samuel Boyce for Assistant, which being approved by the meeting, they are appointed to that service for one year. -

J. Backhouse from England present. Our beloved friend Jonathan Backhouse from England, attended this Meeting, with a certificate from Darlington monthly meeting held in the 9th month last, indorsed by Durham Quarterly meeting; together with a certificate from the Morning Meeting of Ministers & Elders, held in London in the 10th month last; all expressive of their unity with him in his present engagement; which have been read, to our satisfaction. His company and gospel labours have been truly acceptable and edifying.

Queries Answered. The Queries have been read in this meeting, with answers from our several Monthly Meetings, from which

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Reps. to Y. Meeting

a summary is prepared for the Yearly Meeting to be held on Rhode Island in the sixth month next, and the following friends are appointed to attend the same as Representatives, viz:- Jonathan Nichols, John Page, Abner Chase, Nathan Breed of Lynn, and William Bassett.-

Removal of Y. Meeting subject dismissed.

The subject of removing our Yearly Meeting to a more central place, having been acted upon by our Yearly Meeting, since its introduction before this meeting, it is the conclusion of this meeting, that it is inexpedient, any longer to retain it on our minutes. The subject is therefore dismissed.-

Alteration of places of holding Q. Meeting.

The Committee appointed to consider the subject of an alteration in the time and places of holding our Quarterly meetings, presented the following report, viz:-

"The Committee appointed to take into consideration, the subject of changing the place of holding our Quarterly Meetings, are agreed in proposing, that, in future, our Winter Quarter be held at Salem on the third fifth day in the First Month, and the Spring Quarter at Seabrook on the fourth fifth day in the Fifth month.-

To the Quarterly Meeting to be held at Salem 5th. mo. 23rd. 1833. } On behalf of the Committee,

Estes Newhall
Avis Keene.-"

which, (with the concurrence of the Women,) is accepted,

1853. and it is concluded that, in future, our meetings shall 5th. mo. be held in conformity thereto, and the Clerk is directed to inform the Yearly Meeting thereof. —

J. Hoag appointed Elder. We are informed that Weare Monthly Meeting is united in the appointment of Jonathan Hoag to the station of an Elder, which is united with by this meeting, the Women also concurring, and the Clerk is directed to give the necessary information.

The Treasurer of this meeting is directed to pay our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting. —

Conclusion. The business having been accomplished, we conclude, purposing to meet again at Lynn, at the usual time in the Eighth Month next, at the tenth hour in the morning. —

Signed on behalf of the meeting,
Wm. Bassett, Clerk.

Summary.

Summary. All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline attended, with the exception of one Particular Meeting which has been a few times omitted, and care taken: those in the middle of the week and for discipline are neglected by many. The hour generally observed. Clear of unbecoming behaviour except a few instances of sleeping. —

Most Friends are believed to be careful to maintain love; and unity generally preserved. Detraction mostly guarded against. Care taken to end differences. —

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Some Friends endeavour to bring up those under their direction in plainness &c. and to restrain them from reading pernicious books, & from corupt conversation; and are exemplary herein themselves; yet many deviations in these respects are apparent. The Holy Scriptures believed to be frequently read in most families.—

Generally careful to avoid the use of spiritous liquors except for medicine; the unnecessary frequenting of taverns &c. and to observe moderation & temperance.

The circumstances of the poor inspected, and relief given: Their children's learning attended to.— Friends' children placed among Friends, excepting one instance and some care taken.—

It is believed that there is a care with most Friends in relation to proceedings with respect to marriage, except in a few instances, & care taken.—

Our testimony maintained in relation to priests' wages, and as regards property taken in war, contraband goods, & making false entries; also with respect to military matters with the exception of one or two instances.

Generally careful to inspect affairs & settle accounts: also, to perform promises, pay debts, & to live within the bounds of our circumstances.—

Marriages duly recorded: Births & deaths not fully so. A few instances of not producing certificates.—

Care taken to deal with offenders, in most instances, according to discipline.— Judgment placed agreeably to discipline.—

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At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Lynn, 15th of 8th month. 1833.—

Accounts are received from our several monthly meetings, and the Representatives are,

Representatives

For Salem, Abner Chase, Jonathan Boyce, Jacob Chase, Jona. Nichols, & James Breed jr.,
—— Seabrook, Edward Gove jr., William Rogers, & Jonathan Beede.—
—— Weare, John Page (of Henniker), Thomas Davis, Jonª. Hoag, Moses Green, & Edmund Gove.—

Who are all present.

Queries read

The Queries have been read in this meeting, with the required answers from our several monthly meetings.

Abner Chase appointed Elder.

We are informed that Salem monthly meeting is united in the appointment of Abner Chase to the station of an Elder, which, with the concurrence of the Women is united with by this meeting. And the Clerk is directed to give the necessary information.—

E. Wing present.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Wing attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from Rhode Island monthly meeting held on the 25th of last month. Her company and gospel labours have been acceptable.

The following Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly meeting were received & read at this time, and the Clerk is directed to transmit to our several monthly meetings, such portions thereof as are intended for those meetings.—

"At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New- 1833.
England, held on Rhode Island — Sixth month. 1833. 6th. month.

The "Annual Report of the Boarding School Y. meeting committee was laid before the meeting, and after a extracts. free discussion of its contents, the propositions therein submitted for consideration, were agreed to, and the Report accepted; and the Clerk was directed to forward copies thereof to our several Quarterly and monthly Meetings.—

From the minutes of said meeting,
Abraham Shearman, jun,
Clerk.—

To the Yearly Meeting,

to be held on Rhode Island in the Sixth month next, B. School

The Boarding School Committee Report, That Report. they have during the past year given attention to the various concerns of the Institution, and that they have been conducted, in good degree to their satisfaction. Meetings have been regularly kept up, and harmony has been preserved.—

The average number of Scholars during the year, has been one hundred and seventy two. — The school is continued under the immediate care of Enoch and Lydia Breed, as superintendants, in which capacity they are assisted by Stephen and Hannah Gould. Moses A. Cartland, Pliny Earle jun. & Jonathan Slocum, are employed as Teachers in the Boys' School; and Deborah Ramsdell, Mary H. Griscom, Caroline Cartland, & Martha Barker, in the Girls'. The latter of whom, for

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for six months, rendered gratuitous service to the Institution.— Samuel J. Gummere continues to have charge of the department for Languages, &c.—

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It having long been believed by the Committee, that the School might be improved, & its advantages to the Children greatly enhanced by having some person employed to superintend its literary concerns, who by his experience in the business of teaching, and by his acquirements, would be qualified to render advice to the Teachers, to examine the Scholars in their several studies, and to extend an immediate supervisory care over every department of the School.— With this belief, in the 12th. month last, our friend John Griscom from New-York, was introduced into the Institution, and the services he has rendered in the manner above specified, and by lecturing on different subjects, have been satisfactory to us, and we believe have tended in various ways to the essential improvement of the Scholars.—

Prices for
Board
&
Tuition
advanced.

In settling the accounts, it appears that at the present prices for board and tuition, the income will not meet the expenditures of the School. The Committee, after maturely weighing the subject, have concluded to propose to the Yearly meeting; that after the first of the eighth month next, members of Society, of this Yearly meeting be received for fifteen Dollars per quarter; that those who are not members of Society, but who have one or both parents members be received for twenty two and a half dollars per quarter; and should any who are not thus connected with Friends be received, that the price be price be thirty dollars, per quarter; that to those who are admitted into the School

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for Languages &c. and that to members of other Yearly Meetings the price be continued as heretofore; And that the privilege of sending one child, six months, free of expense, be extended to each Monthly Meeting as last year. Although by this arrangement, the expense to parents who place their Children in this Institution will be a little augmented, still the Committee have confidence in believing that there will be ample remuneration in the increased advantages the School now presents for the improvement of the Scholars.—

In the seventh month of last year, in consequence of the appearance of the Cholera in our Country, and the effect produced upon the minds of the Children by the approach of this fearful malady, it was deemed most prudent, under the advisement of the Meeting for Sufferings, to vacate the School for a season. It was not considered best to re-assemble the Scholars until the tenth month, when the School was again opened, and those who had left generally returned.—

Although during the past year the visitations of sickness and death have been many in our Country, and we have not wholly escaped, yet we feel bound thankfully to commemorate the preservation that has been extended to us by Him, from whom are all our sure mercies.—

Signed by direction, and on behalf of the Committee, by
William Jenkins, Clerk

Yearly Meeting Boarding School }
Providence, 5th mo. 3., 1833. }

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"Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England.— 6th. Mo. 1833.—

A concern for the more guarded and religious education of the children of Friends, and for the establishment of Libraries of Friends' Books, in the several Monthly meetings, having been revived in this meeting, and claimed its consideration, a lively interest was felt in regard to these subjects.—

The attention of Friends was earnestly desired to the concern of establishing, in the several Monthly Meetings, one or more Libraries of the Standard works of our Society, that Friends may at all times have access thereto,, to the end that the consistency, truth and harmony of our Christian principles being known, the minds of Friends may become more and more established in them, and the unity of faith & doctrine which it so much becomes us to inculcate, may more & more abound.

The provisions of our Discipline with respect to Education, and Schools for the children of Friends, were recommended to be revived in our subordinate Meetings, and put in practice, wherever Friends circumstances will allow.

And the Clerk was directed to forward Copies of this Minute to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.—

It was recommended that all Certificates of Removal, issued by our Monthly Meetings, be signed by the Clerks of both the Mens and Womens Meeting. And that this conclusion be entered on our books of Discipline. Which the Clerk was directed to forward as above.

From the minutes of the Yearly Meeting,
A. Shearman. Jr. Clerk."

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"New England Yearly Meeting. 6 mo. 1833. Y. Meeting Extracts.-

We are informed by Salem Quarterly meeting that it is their conclusion, that their Quarterly Meeting be held in future, on the third fifth day in the first month, at Salem instead of Seabrook. And on the 4th. fifth day in the fifth month, at Seabrook instead of Salem — which is approved by this Meeting, and the Clerk directed to forward a copy of this minute to Salem Quarterly Meeting.- Change in holding Q. Meeting approved.

From the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting.
Abm Shearman Jr. Clk."

"At New-England Yearly Meeting of Friends held in 6th. month. 1833.

It was concluded to raise Nine hundred Dollars for the service of the ensuing year; which our several Quarterly meetings were requested to forward to the Treasurer in the usual proportions. Y. Meet g. Stock.

Salem Quarterly Meetings proportion is One hundred & Twelve $\frac{50}{100}$ Dollars.

Signed on behalf of said Meeting-
Abm Shearman, jun. Clk.-"

It appearing by the foregoing minute, that our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock is One hundred and Twelve dollars & 50 Cents, our several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions thereof to the Treasurer of this Meeting, according to the usual apportionment.

The Representatives to our last Yearly Meeting inform they all attended.—

The business of this Meeting having been accomplished, Conclusion.

plished, we conclude, purposing to meet again at Weare at the usual time in the 10th. month next.–

Signed on behalf of the Meeting–
William Bassett, Clerk.–

1833. 10th. month. At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Weare, 17th. of 10th. month, 1833.–

Accounts are received from our several Monthly Meetings and the Representatives therein named are,

Represent^s. For Salem. Estes Newhall, James Purinton, Elijah Chase,
Wm. Breed, Jon^a. Nichols & Enoch Page.–
—Seabrook. Amos Peasley, David Dow, Jonathan Beede,
and Nathan Hanson.–
—Weare. John Page, Moses Green, Nathan Breed,
and John Sawyer.–

who are all present, but one.–

Wm. Evans present. We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friend William Evans, with a certificate from the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia for the Southern district held on the 31st. of 7th. month last endorsed by Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting held in the 8th. month last, both expressive of their unity with him in his present religious engagement amongst us.–

[illegible] We have also, the acceptable company of our friend Joseph Snowden, companion to our friend William Evans with a copy of a minute from a Monthly Meeting of

Friends of Philadelphia for the Northern District held 1833.
10th. month:
on the 27th. of 8th. month last.

The Queries, with the required answers from our several Queries
Monthly Meetings have been read at this time.— ans.

A minute of Seabrook Monthly Meeting in relation to the appointment of Dolly Dow to the station of an Elder having been read in this meeting; and as it does not appear thereby that she had been regularly appointed to that station as required by discipline, it is the conclusion of this meeting that the subject be returned to that Monthly Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to furnish said meeting with a copy of this minute.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Wing attended our last E. Wing's
Quarterly Meeting with a copy of a minute from Rhode returning
Island Monthly meeting held on the 25th. of 7th. month minute.
last. In the course of her visit she also attended nearly all the meetings constituting Salem and Seabrook monthly meetings. Her company and gospel labours amongst us have been to our satisfaction.— The Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute to Rhode Island Monthly Meeting.

The business of this meeting having been accom- Conclusion
plished, we conclude purposing to meet again at Salem at the usual time in the first month next.

Signed on behalf of the meeting,
William Bassett, Clerk.

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Salem. 16th. of 1st month. 1834.

Accounts are received from our several Monthly meetings, (and the Representatives therein named are
For Salem. Daniel Osborn, Daniel Johnson, James
Purinton, James Oliver, & Estes Newhall.—
—— Seabrook.— Edward Gove jr., Robert Brown, Jonathan
Beede, & William Rogers.—
—— Weare. Samuel Osborn 2d., Johnson Gove, Elijah
Johnson, & Joshua Page.—
who are all present.)

The Queries, with the required answers from our several Monthly Meetings, have been read at this time.—

It appears by a minute of Seabrook Monthly Meeting that they are united in the appointment of Dolly
Elder. Dow to the station of an Elder, which after deliberation is united with by this meeting, the women also concurring, and the Clerk is directed to give the necessary information.

Our beloved friend William Evans who attended our last Quarterly Meeting having also visited all the particular meetings hereto belonging, a returning Certificate was at this time prepared expressive of our satisfaction with his religious services amongst us which being approved, the Clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of this meeting, and forward it to the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia for the Southern District from which meeting he produced a certificate of their unity & concurrence in his recent religious engagements.—

A returning Certificate to the monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia for the Northern district, was also prepared in favour of our friend Joseph Snowden companion to our friend William Evans, which being approved, the Clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of this meeting, & transmit it to that meeting.

The business of this meeting having been accomplished, we Conclude, purposing to meet again at Seabrook at the usual time in the Fifth month next.

Signed on behalf of the meeting
William Bassett, Clerk.

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Seabrook. 22nd. of 5th. Month. 1834.

5th. month

Accounts are received from our several Monthly meetings, and the Representatives therein named are:

For Salem, Estes Newhall, Moses H. Beede, Abijah Chase, Jon.ª Nichols and Nathan Breed.
—— Seabrook. Edward Gove 2d., Robert Brown, Nathan Hanson and Jonathan Beede.
—— Weare. Joseph Hoag, Nathan G. Chase 2d., Herod Chase, John Chase, and Eliphalet Page.

Who are all present.

Clerks

The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed, the Representatives have proposed William Baſsett for Clerk, and Samuel Boyce for aſsistant, which being approved, they are appointed to that service for one year. —

eries Answd. & Reps. appointed — The Queries have been read in this meeting, with answers from our several Monthly Meetings, from which, a summary is prepared for our ensuing Yearly Meeting to be held on Rhode Island, and the following Friends are appointed to attend the same as Representatives, viz: John Page, Abner Chase, Thomas Davis, Samuel Boyce, Jonathan Nichols, William Bassett, Amos Thompson and Moses H. Beede. —

It appears by a minute of Weare Monthly meetg. that it is their conclusion, that their Monthly Meeting in the sixth month, be held in future, on third day previous to the second fifth day in the month, at the usual place; which meets the approbation of this meeting.

The Treasurer of this meeting is directed to pay our proportion of Yearly meeting Stock to the Treasurer of the Yearly meeting.

Conclusion. The business of this meeting having been accomplished, we conclude, purposing to meet again at Lynn, at the usual time in the Eighth month next. —

Signed on behalf of the meeting. —
William Bassett, Clerk.

Summary.

All our meetings for religious worship & discipline are kept up, excepting one particular meeting, which has been omitted in the middle of the week, & is under the care of a Committee.- Those on first days are attended by most of our members.- Meetings for discipline and other midweek meetings are neglected by many. A deficiency is still apparent in regard to a due observance of the hour.- Friends are generally preserved from sleeping & other unbecoming behaviour, although some are not sufficiently careful herein.- Love appears to be in good degree maintained & most preserved in unity.- Generally careful to guard against detraction. When differences arise endeavours are used to end them.- Most Friends manifest a concern to bring up those under their direction in plainness, & to restrain them from reading pernicious books and from corrupt conversation; also to be good Examples herein themselves.- Yet deficiencies are apparent among us in these respects. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in most families.- We think most friends are careful to maintain our testimony against the use of spirituous liquors, & to avoid the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort. Generally careful to observe moderation & temperance. No deficiency appears in observing the requisitions of this 5th query, excepting in two instances of children being placed out from among friends, one of which is under notice.- We believe most friends are careful with respect to marriage, yet we apprehend there are a few instances of keeping Company out of society on that account, & some care extended.- We know of no violation of our testimonies

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1834 5. any of the particulars of this (7th.) query, excepting in three or four instances, & some care taken.-

Summary We think Friends are generally careful respecting the requisitions of the 8th. query, yet the necessity for greater care therein is apparent,- Care is taken to record marriages — Mostly careful as respects other records — Several instances of removals without Certificates.— Care is taken to deal with offenders in good measure according to discipline, yet, we are sensible of a delay in some instances — Judgement has been placed according to discipline.-

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At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends.
held at Lynn 21st. of 8th. month. 1834.-

Accounts are received from our several Monthly Meetings, and the Representatives therein named are,

For Salem Abijah Chase. Jonathan Nichols, Nathan Breed, and Charles Chase.-

— Seabrook. Ezekiel Jones. William Rodgers Edward Gove Jr., and Jonathan Beede.

— Weare. Samuel Osborn 2d., Isaiah Breed, Abijah Johnson, Joseph Hussey, & John Page.-

Who are all present.-

Queries. The Queries have been read in this meeting, with the required answers from our several Monthly meetings.

The annual Report of the Boarding School Committee; together with the following advices from our last Yearly Meeting on the subject of Education, have been read in this meeting to our satisfaction.- The Clerk is directed to transmit copies thereof to our Subordinate Meetings; and our several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward the returns of their Preparative Meetings in the 5th month next.–

"At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, Sixth Month, 1834.–

The Annual Report of the Boarding School Committee, was received and read, and being satisfactory to this Meeting, copies thereof were directed to be forwarded to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.–

During the consideration of the Report, a deep feeling of interest for the best welfare of the Institution was spread over the Meeting; and while the benefits that have already resulted from it to the Children and Youth of the Society, were freely acknowledged, an earnest solicitude was expressed, that the Committee, in the discharge of the important and arduous trust confided to them by the Yearly Meeting, may be encouraged steadily to keep in view the great objects which led to the establishment of the School, as a means for promoting the acquisition of useful learning, in connexion with the moral and religious improvement of the Children, consistently with the principles and testimonies which we as a Society believe ourselves called upon to maintain.

The recommendation of the Committee relative to plainneſs and simplicity of attire, was cordially united with; the Committees of Monthly Meetings were encouraged to extend an increasing care in this respect; and Parents and others having the charge of Children, were impressively exhorted to lend their aſsistance in promoting this desirable

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From the minutes of the Yearly Meeting.

Abraham Shearman Jr. Clerk.

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To the Yearly Meeting.–

The Boarding School Committee report. That they have endeavoured to discharge the services confided to them by the Yearly Meeting, during the past year, in attending to the various concerns of the Institution; which have been conducted to a good degree of satisfaction.—

Meetings have been regularly continued, and harmony has been preserved. The average number of scholars has been one hundred and sixty eight; seventeen of whom have been pupils in the School for instruction in the Languages &c.– The School has been continued under the immediate superintendence of Enoch and Lydia Breed, in which capacity they are assisted by Stephen and Hannah Gould. John Griscom is still usefully employed to superintend the literary department of the Institution.— Moses A. Cartland, Pliny Earle and Jonathan Slocum are employed as Teachers in the Boys' School; and Deborah Rumsdell, Mary H. Griscom, Caroline Cartland, Martha Barker and Anna F. Lockwood in the Girls'.— Samuel J. Gummere is continued in charge of the department for Languages, &c.–

The accounts of the Treasurer and Superintendent have been examined and settled; and the Committee propose that the terms of admission be continued the same as last year; and that the privilege of sending one child, six months, free of expense be continued to Monthly Meetings. Friends are

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requested not to neglect the established regulation of the School, that the expense of each quarter be paid in advance.-

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The Committee believe it proper again to recommend to Friends, in sending their Children to the School, to observe, as much as may be, the periods of time proposed two years since, viz. at the time of our Yearly Meeting, or in the first week of the second, fifth, eighth and eleventh months.-

The importance of maintaining plainness of dress in the inmates of this Institution, has often claimed the serious attention of the Committee; and we think it right at this time to revive with Friends the necessity of having their Children habited in plain attire, and that no articles of apparel unsuitable through want of plainness, be brought by them to the School. And that the Committees of Monthly Meetings may be enabled to render the necessary advice and assistance Friends are requested to be careful to make application to them for certificates, in sufficient season to afford them this opportunity.—

In reviewing the state of the School for the past year, we feel bound gratefully to acknowledge, that the family and scholars have been preserved in health; and that the Institution continues to afford encouraging evidence of its usefulness to the youth of our Society.-

Signed on behalf of the School Committee, at a meeting held 2d. of 5th month, 1834.

William Jenkins, Clerk.

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, Sixth month, 1834.

The subject of the guarded, literary and religious instruction of the children and youth of the Society, having again been feelingly adverted to, claimed the solid consideration of the Meeting; and the importance of being possessed of a more intimate knowledge of the present state of Education among Friends, in the various sections of this Yearly Meeting, being generally felt a Committee was appointed, to unite with a Committee of the Women's Meeting, in considering the subject, and to report thereon at a future sitting.

At a subsequent sitting, the Committee introduced the following minutes of advice to subordinate Meetings; which being deliberately considered were adopted, the Women's meeting uniting therein, and the Clerk was directed to forward a sufficient number of copies thereof to our several Quarterly Meetings for the supply of each Monthly and Preparative Meeting within their respective limits; and also the necessary forms for the returns proposed to be made to this meeting.

From the minutes of the Yearly Meeting.
Abraham Shearman, Jr. Clerk.

The interesting concerns of Education having renewedly claimed the weighty deliberation of the Yearly Meeting, it is the earnest desire of the body thus assembled, that Friends may endeavor, wherever it is practicable, to establish select schools within their Preparative or Monthly Meetings, to be taught by exemplary (members of our Society,) in which the children of Friends may be exempt from the dangers arising from improper associations, and moral and religious principles, in conformity to our Christian profession, be duly inculcated; the Scriptures of the old and New Testament be daily read; and such improved methods of instruction be adopted, as will best promote their advancement in useful learning. These Schools should be visited monthly, or oftener, by Committees of Men and Women Friends appointed by the meeting, before whom the Children should be exercised in the several branches taught in the school. And in those places where it appears to be impracticable to establish Preparative or Monthly Meeting Schools, it, is desired that Friends may endeavor to institute Family Schools, in which the Children of one or more Families may daily assemble for literary instruction, by some Teacher qualified to impart it. — And Friends are every where desired to exercise a becoming liberality in providing Teachers and means of instruction in all their Schools.

To keep alive a concern of such vital importance to our social and religious welfare, and that the Yearly Meeting may be furnished with correct information relative thereto, Preparative Meetings are directed to transmit to their respective Monthly Meetings, a statement of the number of Children within their limits, agreeably to the subjoined Queries, and insert their answers in the several Columns of the form accompanying; which returns are to be forwarded by the Monthly to the Quarterly Meetings; and a condensed statement of the facts thus collected to be prepared by the Clerks of the Quarterly Meetings or by a Committee appointed for that purpose, and forwarded with their next annual accounts to this Meeting.—

Queries to be answered by the Preparative Meetings.

1st. What number of Children are there in your Meeting, of an age suitable for instruction at School, say from four to twenty-one years of age? Distinguishing between male and female, and also between those under the age of fourteen, and those over that age.

2d. What number of Children have been actually at School within the Year? Distinguishing between male and female, and also between those under fourteen, and those over that age:—

3d. What number of Schools have been kept under the care of Friends, in your meeting, during the past year? Distinguishing between Preparative Meeting, Monthly Meeting and Family Schools.

4th. What has been the average duration of the Schools under the care of Friends within the year?

5th. What number of Teachers have been employed in these Schools, within the year? Distinguishing between male and female Teachers.—

6th. What number of Children are there in your Meeting who have attended District or mixed Schools? Distinguishing between male and female, and also between those under the age of fourteen, and those over that age.

7th. Is there care taken that the Books used in the Schools under the care of Friends, in the several departments taught in the Schools, are judiciously selected?

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(Preparative Meetings are requested to prepare answers to these Queries, in sufficient season for such answers to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meetings that will be held in the fourth (and fifth months next year.)

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The following Extract from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting has also been received and read at this time viz:

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, held on Rhode Island — 6 mo. 1834.

It was concluded to raise Eleven hundred dollars for the service of the ensuing year; which the several Quarterly Meetings were requested to forward to our Treasurer in the usual proportions.— Salem Quarterly Meeting's proportion is One hundred thirty seven $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars.

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On behalf of the Yearly Meeting.
Abrm. Shearman, Jr. Clk.—

(And our several monthly Meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions thereof to the Treasurer of this meeting.—

The Representatives to our last Yearly Meeting inform that they all attended.—

The business of this meeting having been accomplished, we conclude, purposing to meet again at Weare at the usual time in the 10th. month next;

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,
Wm. Bassett, Clerk.

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At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Weare 16th of 10th month 1834.—

Accounts are received from our several Monthly Meetings, and the Representatives therein named are,

Representatives.

For Salem. Jonathan Nichols, Charles Chase,
Enoch Page, Abijah Chase, & Nathan Breed.
—— Seabrook. David Dow, Jonathan Beede, &
Jonathan Miller.—
—— Weare.— Abijah Johnson, Levi Gove,
Daniel Gove 2d., & John Peaslee.—
who are all present.—

Queries

The Queries have been read at this time, with the required answers from our several Monthly Meetings.—

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The business of this meeting having been accomplished, we conclude purposing to meet again at Salem, at the usual time in the First month next.

Signed on behalf of the meeting,
Wm. Bassett. Clerk.—

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Salem. 15th. of 1st month. 1835.— 1835. 1st month.

Accounts are received from our several Monthly Meetings and the Friends there named as their Representatives are,

For Salem. Nathaniel Walden, Enoch Page, Abijah Chase, Jonathan Nichols & Ester Newhall.— Represen

—— Seabrook.— Robert Brown, Newhall Ordway, Thomas Folsom & Olney Thompson.—

—— Weare.— Johnson Gove, John Peaslee, Herod Chase, & Abijah Johnson.—

Who are all present.

The Queries, with the required answers from our several Monthly Meetings, have been read at this time.— Queries read.

Salem Monthly Meeting proposes that, in future, their Monthly Meeting in the sixth month be held on fourth-day preceding the second sixth-day in the month, which is allowed and the Clerk is directed to furnish that meeting with a copy of this minute. Alteration in time of holding Sa. Mo. Meeting.

This meeting is informed by Weare Monthly Meeting they are united in approving the public appearance in the ministry of Abijah Johnson which claiming our solid deliberation is with the concurrence of the women, united with by this meeting, & the Clerk is directed to give the necessary information.— A. Johnson's ministry Approved.

The London General Epistle for 1834 has been received and read in this meeting to our satisfaction & encouragement.— Epistle.

1835. [illegible] The business of this meeting having been accomplished we conclude purposing to meet again at Seabrook at the usual time in the fifth month next.

Signed on behalf of the meeting.—
Wm Bassett. Clerk.

1835. 5th month. At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Seabrook. 28th of 5th month. 1835.—

Accounts are received from our several Monthly Meetings & the Representatives therein named are,

Representatives. For Salem. Henry Chase Moses H. Beede
Jonathan Nichols, Estes Newhall and
Moses Breed.—
—— Seabrook— James Squiers, Robert Brown,
Thomas Folsom, & Newhall Ordway.—
—— Weare.— Jonª Hoag, Daniel Gove 2d,
Nathan G. Chase 2d & John Chase.
who are all present except one.—

Clerks appointed. The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed, the Representatives have proposed William Bassett for Clerk, and Samuel Boyce for Assistant which being approved, they are appointed to that service for one year.

Queries [illegible] The Queries have been read in this Meeting, with answers from our several Monthly Meetings from which a summary is prepared for our ensuing Yearly Meeting to be held on Rhode Island, and the following friends are appointed to attend the same as Representatives, viz:- Jonathan Nichols, Moses H. Beede, Robert Brown, John Page, Stephen A. Chase, and Samuel Boyce.— 1835. 10 month. Represent. to Y. Meeting

We are informed by Salem Monthly Meeting that they are united in the appointment of Cassandria Nichols to the Station of an Elder, which, after deliberation, is united with by this meeting, the women's Quarterly Meeting concurring; and the Clerk is directed to give the necessary information.— C. Nichols appointed Elder.

Information is received from Seabrook monthly meeting, that they are united in the appointment of Robert Brown to the Station of an Elder, which, claiming our solid consideration, is approved, the women's quarterly meeting uniting therein, and the Clerk is directed to give the necessary information.— R. Brown appointed Elder.

Returns from our several Preparative Meetings in relation to Education, are at this time received, & the Clerk is directed to prepare a report therefrom, exhibiting in detail the returns from each Preparative Meeting, and also comprising a condensed Statement of the facts thus collected, & forward the same to the Yearly Meeting. on Education.

Our Treasurer is directed to pay our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.—

Accounts from this to the Yearly Meeting

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having been at this time prepared, are approved, (and the Clerk is directed to sign the same on behalf of this meeting.

onclusion.

The business of this meeting having been accomplished, we conclude, purposing to meet again at Lynn, at the usual time in the 8th month next.

Signed on behalf of the meeting.
Wm. Bassett. Clerk.-

Summary.—

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All our meetings, both for religious worship and discipline are attended; those on first days by nearly all our members, yet a neglect of this important duty is still apparent, more particularly in meetings for discipline and those on the middle of the week.— The hour is generally observed.— Some instances of sleeping are still noticed.— Other unbecoming behaviour generally guarded against.

Love and unity we believe, are in a good degree maintained by most of our members, though not without exceptions. Detraction, we think, generally guarded against, yet too much indulgence in this evil is apparent.— Care is taken to end differences.—

Most friends appear careful to bring up those under their direction in plainness, and to restrain them from reading pernicious books, and from corrupt conversation, and are give Examples herein themselves; yet many deviations in regard to speech and apparel are still manifest; and more care appears not wanting with respect to reading improper

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books.— We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in most friends families.— We believe Friends (with few exceptions abstain from the use of spirituous liquors agreeable to the query, and avoid visiting taverns and places of public resort.— Moderation and temperance on account of births, marriages &c. generally observed.— The circumstances of the poor are inspected and their necessities relieved, and care taken to assist them in business. Clear in relation to the other particulars of this query (5th) excepting one or two instances of children being placed out from among friends.

We know of no violation of our testimony in relation to proceedings in marriage with the exception of one instance of marrying contrary to discipline, and two instances of keeping company out of Society on that account.— Generally careful in the several particulars of the 7th. query — one or two instances of the payment of priests wages are noticed in the report of from one Monthly Meeting, and some exceptions in the answer from another Monthly meeting, not defined, in which care has been taken.— Generally careful to observe the requisitions of the 8th. query.

It appears that care is taken in recording marriages. Births & deaths too much neglected.— One Monthly Meeting notices two or three instances of Friends having come amongst them without certificates; and in the answer from another monthly meeting, some deficiencies, not specified, are acknowledged.— Care is taken to deal with offenders, in most instances, in good measure, according to discipline, yet not always so seasonably as would be best.—

We believe judgement has been placed according to discipline

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At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Lynn, 20th of 8th month. 1835.

Accounts are received from our several monthly meetings, (and the Representatives therein named are:

Reps. For Salem James Purinton, Ichabod Nichols, David Rodman, Enoch Page. & Daniel Johnson.

— Seabrook. Ezekiel Jones, Thomas Folsom, and William Sawyer.

— Weare. Nathan Sawyer, of Henniker, Moses Green, Samuel Osborn 2d, John Peaslee, Herod Chase, & Danl. Sawyer.

who are all present.

J. Hoag & M. Atwater present. Our beloved friends, Joseph Hoag, with a certificate from Ferrisburgh Monthly Meeting, state of Vermont, endorsed by Ferrisburgh Quarterly Meeting; and Mead Atwater with a certificate from Rochester Monthly Meeting, N. Y. endorsed by Farmington Quarterly Meeting, attended this meeting. Their company and gospel labours have been acceptable.

R. Snell present. Our esteemed friend Richard Snell, companion to our friend Mead Atwater, acceptably attended this meeting, with a certificate from Hartland Monthly Meeting, State of, New York.—

J. Wilbour present. Our beloved friend John Wilbour, with a copy of a minute from South Kingston Monthly Meeting, expressive of his being a minister in unity, & of their approbation of his present engagement, is acceptably with us at this time.

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H. Hoag present. We have, also, the company of our esteemed friend Huldah Hoag, with a certificate from Ferrisburgh Monthly meeting, endorsed by Ferrisburgh Quarterly Meeting; and of our esteemed friend Susan Howland, with an extract from the minutes of New Bedford Monthly meeting, held 27th of 11th month, 1834.— Their company and religious labours have been acceptable.

Queries read. The Queries have been read at this time, with the required answers from our several Monthly Meetings.

M. H. Beede at liberty to attend Ohio Y. Meetg. Our beloved friend Moses H. Beede, opened in this meeting a concern which had, for some time, impressed his mind, to attend the Yearly Meeting of Ohio, & some meetings on the way, going & returning, as expressed in a certificate granted him, for that purpose, by Salem Monthly Meeting. His prospect, claiming the weighty consideration of this meeting, is united with, and he, being a Minister in Unity, is left at liberty to proceed therein as best wisdom may direct — and the Clerk is directed to endorse the substance of this minute on said certificate, and sign it on behalf of this meeting.

Advices from Yearly Meetg. — An Epistolary Communication from our last Yearly Meeting, together with advices on the subject of Education, and the Annual Report of our Boarding School Committee, have been received and read in this meeting to our satisfaction; and the Clerk is directed to transmit copies thereof to our subordinate meetings.

" At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, held on Rhode Island, from the 14th to the 19th,

1835. 8 mo. inclusive, of the Sixth Month, 1835.

Y. Mtg. Extracts Continued. Having, in this our annual assembly, been enabled to dip together in feeling, in a good measure of that unity of spirit which is the bond of peace, our dear absent brethren have been brought affectionately to our remembrance, with desires that they may be made partakers with us, in some of the exercises that have pervaded our minds.—

Instruction. In reviewing the state of Society as brought before us by the answers to the Queries, Friends were impressively reminded of the obligation that rests upon every well concerned member of the body, others, as well as overseers, to labour after a right qualification of mind to enable them to admonish a brother, who may be overtaken in a fault, in the spirit of restoring love. "Go tell him his fault between him and thee alone," is an injunction of the highest authority. And were this duty of seasonable private admonition, thus attended to in meekness and wisdom, we have no doubt that it would be blessed to the reclaiming of many in the early stages of deviation; and that an increase of strength and peace, an advancement in the pathway of holiness, would be witnessed by those who were engaged in these labours of love, and that they would thus become blessed both to the giver and the receiver. While on the other hand, those who indulge themselves in unnecessarily making the faults, real or supposed of others, a subject of conversation or communication by letters, and in spreading them abroad by these means, or, who indulge an unwarrantable curiosity in listening to such conversation

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or letters, cannot but sustain a deep loſs themselves, in addition to the great injury that they inflict upon the immediate objects of this detracting spirit, upon which a bleſsing can never rest, nor the dew of heaven descend.

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The great neglect still apparent in the attendance of our religious meetings, particularly on the middle of the week, has been deeply affecting to our feelings, and we have greatly desired that our members may be stirred up to a sense of this important duty. — May we be impressed with the obligation of attending all our meetings, as well on week-days as on the day which is set apart for that service by the common consent of the Christian world. If we are in the habitual neglect of mid-week meetings, although we may punctually assemble with our friends on first-days when the law of the land forbids our attention to our secular concerns, does not our conduct plainly evince that we prefer our worldly interests to those things which affect our eternal welfare. — As we neglect our duty in this particular, we shall invariably witneſs a consequent disrelish in relation to other religious duties, until we become as dry and withered branches, which, not abiding in the true Vine, become barren and unfruitful. — Let us, then, not forsake the aſsembling of ourselves together, but may we be concerned, reverently to present our bodies, a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God, which is but our reasonable service. And as we are concerned, in these

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solemn occasions, to wait upon Him from whom all our spiritual strength is derived, we shall be preserved from drowsiness, a weakness which, in some instances, has been fallen into, to the reproach of the high profession which we are making, in relation to the spirituality of divine worship.-

Spirituous Liquors.

It is truly painful to observe that, at the present time when the public mind is becoming more and more awakened to the alarming evil of intemperance, and whilst others are engaged in persevering efforts for its removal, any who profess with us should be so unmindful of our well known testimony as regards this subject, and of the moral influence which a strict adherance thereto on the part of individual members would enable our Society to exert in the world, as to indulge themselves in the use of spirituous liquors, except for medicinal purposes. May there be an increasing care faithfully to maintain this branch of our Christian testimonies, and we believe as this comes to be the case, we shall find that the necessity of resorting to this pernicious article, even as a medicine, will be of extremely rare occurrence.

War.

The violation of our testimony in relation to War, instances of which are acknowledged in the reports of several of our subordinate meetings, has been a subject of deep concern at this time. When we consider the leniency which has long been manifested towards our society, by the several state governments within this Yearly Meeting, we are led to the conclusion that the observance of military requisitions by any of our members must have been voluntary. An ignorance of the principles on which our objections to this anti-christian practice

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are founded, or a want of serious consideration thereof, ~~are~~ is clearly evinced; and desires have been expressed in this meeting, that there may be a renewed attention to the circulation and perusal, among the younger part of our Society, of such treatises as exhibit, in a striking manner, the unlawfulness of war, and its utter incompatibility with the principles of the gospel of peace— We are impressed with the belief, that as we are faithful in the discharge of our religious duties, our society may be made eminently instrumental, under the divine blessing, in hastening the coming of that day, when "nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

War.

And we earnestly desire that Friends may be impressed with the importance of maintaining a vigilant supervision over the dear youth under their care, early endeavoring to guard them against every thing which may give a wrong direction to their susceptible minds, carefully restraining them from attending military parades as spectators, and guarding them from the pernicious influence of those books wherein military fame is held up to view as a worthy object of pursuit.

Coloured
people.

The continued and aggravated wrongs of the oppressed and degraded Coloured people in our Country, has been a subject to which our minds have been turned, with renewed concern that we might feel the weight and importance of our testimony on this subject. We desire that Friends may become duly sensible that we have ever acted in relation to it, from religious considerations, and in accordance with the principles of the gospel of ~~peace~~ Christ.— May Friends so continue to dwell

1833. under the influence of divine wisdom, and so attend to

8mo. the pointings of Truth, that we may be preserved in such

Y. Meetg. Extracts Continued. a consistent walking, as will best promote this great cause of Christian benevolence; and be careful that in all our movements we may act together in unity and love.–

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Meeting aforesaid.

Abraham Shearman, Jun. Clerk.

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode-Island, from the 14th to the 19th inclusive, of the Sixth month, 1833.

The following Report of the Boarding School Committee was received and read, and being satisfactory to the meeting, copies thereof were directed to be forwarded to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

From the minutes of said Meeting,

A. Shearman, Jun. Clerk.

To the Yearly Meeting.

Boarding School Report. The Boarding School Committee report, That they have endeavoured for the past year to discharge the duties committed to them in attending to the various concerns of the Institution, which have been conducted to a good degree of satisfaction. In doing this they have not been unmindful of the objects Friends have had in view in the establishment of the School, and of the wishes of its benevolent donors.–

Meetings have been regularly kept up, and harmony has been preserved. The average number of Scholars has been one hundred and forty-three, eleven of whom have been pupils in the department for languages, &c.— 1835. 8 mo.

Boarding School Report.

Our friends Seth and Mary Davis of Dartmouth, have been engaged as Superintendents of the School, to supply the place of our friends Enoch and Lydia Breed, who have acceptable served us in that capacity for the past eleven years, and now wish to be released. Our friend John Griscom has continued his services in the Institution during the past year, but his engagement will terminate the first of seventh month next.— Isaac Hathaway is employed as a book-keeper, and care-taker of the Boys, out of school hours; and Christina Gale has charge of the sewing-school, and is care-taker of the Girls, out of school hours.

Pliny Earle, Jonathan Slocum, George W. Read and Louis Cook, are engaged as Teachers in the Boys' school, and Mary-Ann Barker, Martha Barker and Emeline Aldrich in the Girls'.— Samuel J. Gummere having left the Institution, the instruction in the Languages will be continued under the care of George W. Read; and it is proposed for the future, instead of the terms heretofore established, that five dollars per quarter be charged for the study of the Languages, in addition to the ordinary price for scholars in the other branches of study.—

The accounts of the Treasurer and Superintendent have been examined and settled, from which it appears, that the receipts of the School from the funds and the amount paid for scholars, have about met the expenses; and the Committee consequently propose, that the terms for board, tuition, &c. be continued the same as last year; and that the privilege of sending one child six months

1835. 8mo. free of expense, be continued to each Monthly Meeting.—

Boarding School Report. Friends are requested not to neglect the established regulation of the School that the expense of each quarter be paid in advance, inasmuch as inconvenience and loss have resulted from the neglect of this rule.

The Committee deem it proper again to recommend to Friends, that in sending their children to the School, the period of time proposed three years ago may be observed, as far as practicable, viz: at the time of our Yearly Meeting, and in the first weeks of the 2d, 5th, 8th and 11th months.—

In reviewing the past year, in relation to this Institution, we feel that we have cause gratefully to acknowledge the preservation extended to us, under which the School has continued to be conducted, we trust, to the benefit of many of the youth of our Society.

By direction and on behalf of the Committee,

Arnold Congdon, Clerk.

Yearly Meeting Boarding School, 5th mo. 8. 1835.

At the Yearly Meeting aforesaid,

Y. Meetg. Extracts. Education The Committee on the subject of Education produced the following Report, viz:

"The Committee on Education have taken into consideration the important subject referred to them. The religious and guarded education of our children and youth appears to be increasingly claiming the serious concern of Friends, and it is much desired that the provisions of our Discipline upon the subject of Education may be revived in Friends' minds, and put in practice wherever it may be practicable..

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The institution of Family Schools is considered by the Committee a very interesting subject; and we desire that Friends may be encouraged to keep alive a concern for their establishment, as way may open for it.-

Education
Queries &c.

We propose the following Queries for the Consideration of the Yearly meeting, to be sent down to our Subordinate meetings:

1. How many Schools are there, within your limits, under the care of Friends, (distinguishing between Monthly Meeting, Preparative Meeting and Family Schools)- and what has been the average duration of these Schools during the year?

2. How many Children of Friends have attended Friends' Schools within the year?

Monthly Meetings are desired to answer these Queries in season for the Spring Quarterly Meetings, and the Quarterly Meetings are desired to transmit their answers to our next Yearly Meeting."

——— Which being read and considered, was satisfactory to the meeting, and the Clerk was directed to forward Copies of the same to our several subordinate meetings; who were requested to give the necessary attention to preparing and transmitting answers to the two Queries, as proposed.-

The following Extract, from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting has also been received at this time viz:-

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At New England Yearly Meeting, 6mo. 1835.

It was concluded to raise fifteen hundred Dollars for the service of the ensuing year.- David Buffum was appointed Treasurer.- And our several Quarterly Meetings were requested to forward to him their respective proportions of the above sum.-

1835. Salem Quarterly Meeting's proportion is One hun-
8 mo. dred & eighty seven 50/100 Dollars.

From the Minutes of said Meeting.

Abrm. Shearman Jr. Clk.

and our several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions of said sum to the Treasurer of this meeting.

The Representatives to our last Yearly Meeting, inform that they all attended.–

Conclusion. The business of this meeting being accomplished, we conclude, purposing to meet again at Weare, at the usual time in the Tenth Month next.

Signed on behalf of the meeting.

Wm. Bassett, Clerk.

1835. At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held
10 mo. at Weare 15th of 10th month. 1835.

Accounts are received from our several monthly meetings, and the Representatives therein named are,

Reps. For Salem, Enoch Page, Nathan Breed, Jonathan Nichols, Moses H. Beede, & Estes Newhall.–
— Seabrook.. Nathan Hanson, Newhall Ordway, and Jonathan Beede.
— Weare. Johnson Gove, Moses Gove, Nathan Breed, and David C. Breed.

who are all present.–

A. Battey present; Our esteemed friend Amos Battey attended this meeting with a certificate from Starksborough monthly meeting

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of Friends held on the 2^d inst. His company and religious labours have been acceptable to us.—

J. Battey present.

We have, also, the acceptable company of our esteemed friend Jonathan Battey, companion to our friend Amos Battey, with an Extract from the minutes of the same Monthly Meeting.—

Queries read.

The Queries have been read at this time with the required answers from our several Monthly Meetings.—

Returning certificates for Mead Atwater & J. Wilbour.

Returning certificates on behalf of our beloved friends Mead Atwater, and John Wilbour, to their respective Monthly meetings, have at this time been prepared, expressive of our satisfaction with their company and religious labours, amongst us, which being approved, the Clerk is directed to sign the same on behalf of this meeting and forward them accordingly.

and for Rich^d Snell

A Certificate to Hartland Monthly meeting N. Y. has also been prepared, expressive of our satisfaction with the company of our esteemed friend Richard Snell, as companion to our friend Mead Atwater, which, being approved, the Clerk is directed to sign and transmit the same accordingly.—

and for S. Howland.

A returning certificate for our beloved friend Susan Howland to New Bedford Monthly Meeting, having been prepared by the womens' Quarterly Meeting, is approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign the same on behalf of this meet^g.

Conclusion.

The business of this meeting being accomplished, we concluded, purposing to meet again at Salem, at the usual time in the first month next.—

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

Wm Bassett, Clerk.

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Salem, 21st of 1st month. 1836.—

Accounts are rec.d from our several monthly meetings & the Representatives therein named are,

For Salem. Jonathan Nichols, Enoch Page, Isaac
Baſsett, Nathan Breed, & James Breed jr.
—— Seabrook.— Hanson Underwood, Edward Gove,
& Robert Brown.—
—— Weare.— Johnson Gove, John Sawyer, Daniel
Gove 2d., & Thomas Thorndike..

Who are all present.

The Queries, with the required answers from our several monthly meetings, have been read at this time.

Our beloved friend Sophronia Page, a minister in unity with us, opened in this meeting a concern which has impreſsed her mind, to attend the ensuing Yearly Meeting of Friends in Virginia and to visit its constituent meetings; also, to attend some meetings on the way, going and returning, as expressed in a certificate granted her by Salem Monthly Meeting, which, after deliberation, is united with, and she is accordingly left at liberty to proceed therein, as truth may open the way.— The Clerk is directed to endorse the substance of this minute on said Certificate, & sign it on behalf of this meeting.

Our beloved friend Amos Battey, who attended our last Quarterly meeting, with a certificate from Starksborough monthly Meeting of Friends, Vt., having, also, visited several

NEW-ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING.—6th mo. 1835.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Digest of the returns received from the several Quarterly Meetings, on the subject of Education, presented the following summary view of the information received. Copies of which the Clerk was directed to transmit to our subordinate Meetings.

From the Minutes of said Meeting,
A. SHEARMAN, Jr. *Clerk.*

[N. B. The returns received at the time of the Yearly Meeting, embraced all the *Monthly Meetings,* except *one;* an account from which has since been forwarded to the Clerk, and by him incorporated into the summary view here presented, making the returns complete from the whole Yearly Meeting.]

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.	No. of Children of an age suitable for instruction at School.				Number of Children actually at School within the year.				Number of Schools.			Average duration of Schools within the year.	Number of Teachers Members of Society.		Number of Children who attend District or mixed Schools.			
	Male.		Female.		Male.		Female.		Prepar. Meeting Schools.	Monthly Meeting Schools.	Family Schools.		Male.	Female.	Male.		Female.	
	under 14	over 14	under 14	over 14	under 14	over 14	under 14	over 14							under 14	over 14	under 14	over 14
Rhode Island,	126	82	99	81	112	63	92	43			11	6 months.	4	11	109	53	78	34
Sandwich,	145	142	151	138	135	66	137	61	1		3	3⅓ "	1	3	129	51	126	50
Salem,	151	100	131	97	140	77	119	63	2		1	6⅓ "	1	3	123	69	105	65
Falmouth,	105	73	89	80	105	70	90	73			2	3½ "		2	98	64	80	71
Smithfield,	105	86	99	76	105	79	99	54		1	5	6 "	1	6	85	56	71	40
Vassalborough,	197	138	172	124	192	134	169	125			3	5 "		3	192	134	169	125
Dover,	111	81	99	77	110	80	99	73			2	4½ "		2	107	78	98	72
	940	702	840	673	899	569	805	492	3	1	27	5⅓ "	7	30	843	505	727	457

In answer to Query 7, it is stated in the return from Salem Quarter, that care has been taken in the selection of Books for the Schools under the care of Friends; although it is found difficult to procure books in some of the branches that are consistent, in every respect, with our views. The answer from Smithfield Quarter states, that in one Monthly Meeting the books used by the schools were selected by a Committee appointed by the Monthly Meeting. No answer is given to the query from any other quarter.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting informs, that eight Teachers of mixed Schools, viz. three males and five females, are members of our Society. A note attached to the return from Smithfield Quarter informs, that twelve Members of Society, viz. two males and ten females, have been employed in district schools within the past year, and that, at these schools, many of the children attended, which have been included in their return as having attended district or mixed schools.* A similar note from Salem Quarterly Meeting informs, that Lynn Preparative Meeting School, which was kept nine months, was suspended the other three months for the want of a Teacher.

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* The other Quarterly Meetings have not given any information of this kind; but it is known that in some of them, and it is probable that in all, there are Teachers of district or mixed schools, who are members of our society.—*Clerk.*

From the returns above given, it will be seen, that there are, belonging to this Meeting, of an age suitable for instruction at school, (say from 4 to 21 years of age,)

In Rhode-Island Quarter,	388
Sandwich,	576
Salem,	479
Falmouth,	347
Smithfield,	366
Vassalborough,	631
Dover,	368
	3155

Males, under 14,	940	*Females,* under 14,	840
at School,	899	at School,	805
not at School,	41	not at School,	35
at district or mixed Schools,	843	at district or mixed Schools,	727
Males, over 14,	702	*Females,* over 14,	673
at School,	569	at School,	492
not at School,	133	not at School,	181
at district or mixed Schools,	505	at district or mixed Schools,	457

Whole number of Children reported......Males, 1642
Females, 1513
3155

At district or mixed Schools,......................2530*
Attended Friends' Schools, exclusively,...... 235
Whole number actually at School within the year, } 2765
Not at School,.............................. 390† 3155

* Some of which attended Friends' Schools part of the time.
† Of these, 133 are males, 181 females, over 14 years of age.

Number of Friends' Schools:

Preparative Meeting,	3
Monthly Meeting,	1
Family,	27

f our subordinate meetings, and appointed some meetings within our limits. a returning certificate is at this time prepared, expressive of our satisfaction with his company and religious services. also expressing our satisfaction with the company of our esteemed friend Jonathan Battey, his companion; which, being approved, the Clerk is directed to sign and transmit accordingly.—

The inconvenience of holding our Quarterly meeting at Seabrook, claiming the attention of this meeting, the following friends are appointed, in conjunction with a Committee of the womens Quarterly Meeting, to consider whether any and what alteration may be made, with usefulness to society, and to report their judgement thereon, at our next Quarterly meeting; viz: John Sawyer, Moses H. Beede, Estes Newhall, Stephen A. Chase, Robert Brown, Edward Gove, Jon^a Beede, Abijah Johnson, Josiah Challis, Ichabod Nichols, William Bassett, Nathan Breed, Abijah Chase, Daniel Gove 2^d, Levi Gove & Nathan Hanson.

Several printed copies of a Digest of the returns made by the Quarterly Meetings to our last Yearly Meeting, on the subject of Education, are at this time rec^d & the Clerk is directed to transmit copies to our subordinate meetings.

The business of this meeting being accomplished we conclude, purposing to meet again at Seabrook at the usual time in the 5^th month next.

Signed on behalf of the meeting.

William Bassett, Clk.

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Seabrook, 26th of 5th month. 1836.

Accounts are received from our several monthly meetings, and the Representatives are, –

For Salem – Stephen A. Chase, Estes Newhall,
Jona. Nichols, David Rodman, and
James P. Boyce.
—— Seabrook – Robert Brown, Jonathan Beede, Moses
Huntington Jr. and Edward Gove Jr.
—— Weare – Eliphalet Page, Samuel Osborne 2d.,
John Page & Abijah Johnson.
who are all present.

The time having expired, for which the Clerks were appointed, the Representatives have proposed William Bassett for Clerk, and Samuel Boyce for assistant, which being approved, they are appointed to those services for one year.

The Queries have been read at this time, with answers from our several Monthly Meetings, from which a summary is prepared for our ensuing Yearly Meeting, and the following Friends are appointed to attend said Yearly Meetings as Representatives, viz: – Jonathan Nichols, Estes Newhall, Edward Gove, Moses Green, Abijah Johnson, Nathan Breed of Lynn, Stephen A. Chase, Johnson Gove, and William Bassett.

The Committee appointed at our last meeting to consider what alteration may usefully be made in the place of holding our Quarterly Meeting in the 5th month, inform that they have given attention to the subject, but are not prepared to make a report.— They are, therefore, continued.

Our esteemed friend Benjamin Fry attended this meeting, with a certificate from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, N. H. held 21st of 1st month last, expressive of his being a minister in unity, and of the approbation of his friends in his present engagement. His company and religious services have been acceptable.

A Testimony concerning our late beloved friend Abigail Miller, is at this time received from Seabrook Monthly Meeting, which meeting the approbation of this, and the Women's Quarterly Meeting, the Clerk is directed to annex thereto the substance of this minute, to sign it on our behalf, and to forward it to the Meeting for Sufferings.

Answers to the Queries proposed by our last Yearly Meeting, concerning schools, are received from Salem Monthly Meeting, which the Clerk is directed to forward to the Yearly Meeting, together with such further information, respecting the state of Education within our limits, as may come to his knowledge.— And Friends of Seabrook & Weare Monthly Meetings are desired to furnish the Clerk with such information as may be in their possession.

The Treasurer of this meeting is directed to pay our proportion of Yearly meeting Stock to the

Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

A Report to the ensuing Yearly Meeting, being at this time prepared is approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign the same on behalf of this meeting.

The business of this meeting being accomplished, we conclude, purposing to meet again at Lynn, at the usual time in the Eighth month next.

Signed on behalf, of the meeting,

William Bassett. Clerk.

Summary.

All our meetings for worship & discipline are attended — those on first days by most of our members; while meetings for discipline and other midweek meetings are neglected by many. The hour nearly observed by most Friends.- Generally preserved from unbecoming behaviour, except some instances of sleeping

Love and Unity appear to be in good degree maintained amongst us, although a want of due concern herein is apparent. We believe there is a care with most Friends to guard against Detraction; yet, we apprehend that, through unwatchfulness, it is too much indulged in by some.- When differences have arisen, endeavors have been used to end them.

We believe most friends are concerned to attend to the requisitions of the third query - yet in one of our Monthly Meetings unconcern and indifference are reported to be apparent with some; and a want of consistency, as respects plainness, among the young as well with some further advanced.- There is, we think, need of more caution in the choice of books.

The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in nearly all Friends families.- From one Preparative meeting some deficiency is noticed in this respect.- We think Friends are careful to maintain our testimony against the use of spirit-uous liquors, & to avoid the unnecessary frequenting of tav-erns & places of public resort, with but few exceptions. Moderation and temperance on the occasions referred to, generally observed. Care is taken in the several particulars of the fifth query - No deficiencies appear excepting three instances of children being placed out from among friends.

There appears to be a concern with most friends that proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline. There are some instances of keeping company on that account out of our Society, and some care has been taken.

We know of no violation of our testimonies in relation to priests wages, bearing arms, &c, except one instance of a person being employed as Clerk in the Navy Yard, in which care has been extended; and a few other instances of a military nature.— We think friends are generally careful in the several particulars of the 8th. query.

Marriages recorded;- Births & deaths mostly recorded.- A few removals without certificates.

Care is taken to deal with offenders in give degree as required, yet we are sensible of deficiency in timely dealing in some instances.- Judgement has been placed according to discipline.

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Lynn. 18th of 8th Month. 1836.

"Accounts are received from two of our monthly meetings, and the Representatives therein named are;

For Salem:- Samuel Neall, Nathan Breed, Ichabod Nichols, and Humphrey S. Johnson.-

Weare.- Moses Green, Samuel Osborn 2d., Nathan G. Chase, Jr., and Daniel Puston.-

Who are all present but one.—

No account is received from Seabrook Monthly Meeting.

The Queries have been read in this meeting, with the required answers from Salem and Weare Monthly meetings excepting an omission in the 10th answer from Salem, in relation to placing judgement.

The Committee appointed to consider the subject of an alteration in the place of holding our Quarterly Meeting in the fifth month, inform that they have not matured the subject sufficiently to make a report at this time. They are therefore continued.

The Representatives to our last Yearly Meeting, inform that, they all attended.—

The following Extracts from the Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting have been read at this time and are to our satisfaction.- Printed copies of the same are received, which the Clerk is directed to distribute to our several Monthly Meetings.—

"Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England,
held in Rhode Island, Sixth-month, 1836.

This Meeting having become painfully aware, that there are in circulation among our members, various publications, purporting to be treatises upon, and expositions of the principles of our religious society, in various points of Christian doctrine; but which are unauthorised by the Society, and which give unsound and unjust views of our Christian principles, and are calculated to lead the minds of the unwary away from the faith once delivered to the saints, and from a settlement in the blessed truths of the Gospel always most surely believed and professed by us as a people, have felt themselves bound again to declare their unshaken faith in the truths thus sought to be laid waste.

"We have always believed, we have been unwavering in our acknowledgement and profession of the truths declared in the Holy Scriptures, respecting the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in the flesh, that "He was conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, lived and suffered in the world, went about doing good, enforced by his precepts and doctrines, the future rewards of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked, and by miracles, healing all manner of diseases and sickness among the people, he showed forth his power, his goodness and his wonderful works among the children of men, and finally made an
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offering of himself on the cross, as a propitiation for our sins, (and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world.— And we are prepared to confess, that no other foundation can any man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ; or in the words of George Fox to the governor of Barbadoes, "This Jesus, who was the foundation of the apostles and prophets, is our foundation; and we believe there is no other foundation to be laid, but that which is laid, even Christ Jesus; who tasted death for every man, shed his blood for all men, and is the propitiation for our sins." We have also been constant in the profession of our belief of the authenticity and divine authority of the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, and in accordance with the testimony of Robert Barclay, do freely confess, "that whatsoever doctrine is contrary unto their testimony may therefore be justly rejected as false."— And further, in the words of the same writer, "We do firmly believe that there is no other gospel or doctrine to be preached, but that which was delivered to the apostles, and do freely subscribe to that saying, Let him that preacheth any other gospel than that which hath been already preached by the apostles, and according to the scriptures, be accursed."

But while we have thus held and constantly professed, we have also been steadfast in our belief, according to the Scriptures, that this blessed Saviour

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appears in our hearts by his Spirit, according to his own testimony before he ascended to the glory which he had with the Father before the world was: "I will not leave you comfortless, I will come unto you". John xiv. 18. — And to the testimony of the apostle: "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkneſs, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the Glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." 2 Cor. iv. 6. And we have ever been concerned to direct all to the light of Christ in the secret of the soul, as that principle of Divine Life by which alone regeneration and sanctification are to be witneſsed; by which alone our dark hearts can be illuminated, and we be made truly alive unto God. That while we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of our sins, and that those who were afar off are made nigh by the blood of Christ, we also firmly believe, that it is only through living faith in him that we can come to experience the bleſsed effects of what he has wrought out for us; and this is not of ourselves, it is the gift of God. —

We are concerned renewedly to bear our testimony to the spirituality of the Christian religion, that as the heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked, in our fallen and unregenerate estate, so it is in the heart, that the work of grace must be experienced; and that in order thereto,

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we must submit, to the cleansing operations of His Spirit there, become subject to his righteous government, and conformed to his holy will.— Then indeed is he made unto us, "Wisdom and righteousness, and sanctification and redemption." 1 Cor. i. 30. It is only as we thus dwell under the influence of the Holy Spirit in our minds, that we can experience any right qualification to labour in the blessed Master's cause; and may we all seek after and wait for the fresh puttings forth of this Heavenly Guide, ever bearing in mind the declaration of Christ, "Without me ye can do nothing."—

We are concerned to exhort all our members to seek a settlement in these everlasting truths, and avoiding all speculation, rather humbly pray for ability in meekness and simplicity to obey God's holy will.— Avoid therefore, we beseech you, all unprofitable reading, and the reception of those unsound doctrines and sentiments which are now in circulation. Rather reverently read & meditate in the Holy Scriptures, with humble prayer to the Lord that he would open your hearts to receive and savingly apply the glorious truths of his gospel; so shall you be made partakers of his salvation.—

Beloved Brethren and Sisters, we have no new doctrines to offer, but we feel earnestly engaged to exhort all our fellow members to a careful observance of that solemn warning of our Lord and

Savior: "The time shall come when they shall say, Lo, here is Christ, or lo, he is there; go not after them."

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Yearly Meeting, by

Abraham Shearman, Jun. } Clerks.
Hannah Gould, Jun. }

Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England—
Sixth month, 1836.—

The annual Report of the Boarding School Committee was received and read, and being satisfactory to the meeting, the Clerk was directed to forward copies thereof to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

From the minutes of said Meeting,
A. Shearman, Jun. Clerk.

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Boarding School Committee report. That they have endeavoured, during the past year to discharge the duties confided to them by the Yearly Meeting, in superintending the various concerns of the Institution.

Since our last report, Seth and Mary Davis have, by their request, been released from their engagement as Superintendents and Enoch and Lydia Breed have again come in temporarily, to supply their places.

Moses B. Lockwood, Jonathan Slocum, Louis Taber, and Valentine Meader, are employed as Teachers in the Boys' School, and Mary Ann Parker, Emeline Aldrich, and Elizabeth H. Osborne in the Girls'. George W. Read is employed as Instructer in the

Languages. Isaac C. Hathaway continues to exercise a care over the Boys out of School hours, and to act as book-keeper.—

The Treasurer's and Superintendent's accounts have been settled, and it appears that on account of some improvement in the buildings and for other purposes, some expenses have accrued beyond the usual expenditures, and that the receipts for board and tuition, from the income of the funds, and from other sources, have fallen short of meeting the expenses, about one thousand dollars; notwithstanding which, we think proper to propose, that the price for the admission of Scholars and the privilege to Monthly Meetings, be continued the same as last year.—

In the 8th month last, the accompanying circular on the subject of Plainness was forwarded to the several Monthly Meetings, and there appears at the present time to be a cheerful conformity on the part of the inmates of the Institution, to the requisitions therein contained.—

The average number of Scholars during the past year, has been one hundred & twenty seven.— Meetings have been regularly kept up, and harmony prevails.—

In addition to the attention usually given to the School, the Committee deem it proper to inform the Yearly Meeting, that in the tenth and fourth months a Special Committee visited the Schools, and spent several days in investigating the improvement of the Scholars and the condition of the Institution. By the reports of these Committees we are informed, that the State of the Schools, with respect to literary improvement, was very satisfactory, the exercises of the Scholars evincing an industrious attention to their various Studies.- They also inform us, that the Schools are under good government, the Children appearing readily to conform to the rules of the Institution.-

On behalf of the Committee,

Arnold Congdon, Clerk.

At a meeting of the Committee of the New-England Yearly Meeting Boarding School, held 8 mo. 7th 1835.—

The subject of an increased observance in this institution of plainneſs of speech, behaviour, and apparel, having, from time to time, claimed the serious attention of this Committee, and a lively concern on this account, having been manifested at our last Yearly Meeting, we have believed it right in us at this time to revive the subject to our friends, and to point out, more explicitly than we have heretofore done, what we consider a proper dreſs for the children of this School.-

While we feel that we are not called upon to enter extensively into a vindication of the propriety of maintaining our testimonies in the particulars alluded to, we would affectionately remind our younger friends, that they are in accordance, as we believe, with the beautiful system of Christian Simplicity taught by our blessed Lord and his apostles. And we may appeal to the experience of our Society to prove, that they have been as a hedge round about us, which it has ever been found perilous to break down; and when, in individual instances, this has been done, that weakneſs and loſs have been the consequence.

We should ever remember the apostolic exhortation, "Let your moderation be known unto all men". And "let not your adorning be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold and of putting on of apparel, but it let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet Spirit, which is, in the sight of God, of great price."—

Were our minds, dear friends, duly impreſsed with a sense of the matchless love of our adorable Redeemer and Preserver — were our hopes and dependance placed on Him — how should we be raised above the undue attachment to the things of time and sense and a conformity to the vain fashions and customs of the world. And in accordance with the recommendations of our Discipline, we earnestly desire that parents & guardians would impreſs upon the minds of their children, the neceſsity of maintaining plainneſs of speech and behaviour, which is strictly required in the School. And it, will be expected of every male admitted into this Institution, that his body coat, jacket and vest, be single breasted, and without lappels or falling collars, and that where any of these are figured, that they be of patterns consistent with the plainneſs required in other parts of the dress — and that they wear hats, caps being excluded.

In the dreſs of females we expect a correspondent degree of plainneſs, and that they avoid the extravagance of the fashions of the present day. They will be required to wear silk, or plain straw bonnets, without any trimmings for ornament. — Their frocks or gowns should be of materials that are plain in color, and conformable in the size of the sleeves, and in other respects to convenience and propriety, and not according to the vain fashions of the world. — Their handkerchiefs and collars should be without edgings or trimmings — and no article intended for ornament merely, will be permitted to be worn.

In order to carry into effect these regulations, the Superintendents are to examine the trunks and packages of the children previous to admiſsion, and if any articles are found unsuitable ~~for~~ on ~~want~~ account of plainneſs, or for any other cause, they will be laid aside, or altered, and the expense charged to the parents or guardians.

No Scholar will be admitted into the School after the present quarter, or permitted to remain there, who does not comply strictly with these regulations. And Committees of Monthly Meetings are desired to be careful not to give Certificates to any Children who will not conform thereto.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee,
Arnold Congdon, Clerk.

Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, Sixth month, 1836.

The Committee to whom was referred the answers to the Queries in regard to Schools, and the subject of Education generally, produced the following Report, which was acceptable to the Meeting. And a concern being felt by Friends, that the interesting subject of the guarded education of our beloved Children and youth, may continue to rest impressively upon the minds of all our members, and produce such efforts to accomplish the object in view as circumstances will admit, the Clerk was directed to forward copies of the Report to our subordinate meetings, and they were requested to pay the necessary attention to preparing Answers, giving as much in detail as they are able, the information required; and transmit such answers and information, through the usual Channels of communication, to this meeting next year.

From the minutes of said meeting.
A. Shearman, Jun. Clk.

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Education, report, That they have taken it into consideration, and formed a digest of the information received from the several Quarterly Meetings. They regret that this information is not, more complete in its details, to enable the Yearly Meeting to have a more definite knowledge of the number of Children that have attended Select or Family Schools the past year. The accounts, however, afford evidence that increased attention has been given to the subject, while they believe that much yet remains to be accomplished, within the power of Friends. The Committee are desirous that all our members should be encouraged to persevere in this important and very interesting concern. Were a more lively interest awakened, and renewed efforts made in reference to it, the results would doubtless prove extensively beneficial, and afford a source of satisfaction to those engaged to promote the guarded education of their Children. By the accounts received, there appears to have been, in the course of the year, 22 Family, 2 Preparative Meeting, and 3 Monthly Meeting Schools, one or two of which have continued the greater part of the year while the remainder have generally continued a few months only. The number of Scholars that have attended them is reported to be about four

four hundred; making an increase since last year of nearly two hundred.— Although we find by the reports, that the number of Friends' children within the limits of this Yearly Meeting, between the ages of four and twenty-one, is upwards of three thousand, yet about one seventh only, enjoy the advantages of Schools under the care of members of our Society. From this view of the subject the importance of further exertion will urge itself with peculiar force, upon the minds of Friends.

The Committee are well aware, from the scattered location of Friends in some parts of the Yearly Meeting, that many difficulties are to be encountered in carrying their wishes into practical effect. In concluding this report, however, we can but expreſs an earnest desire, that the younger members of the Society who expect to engage in the busineſs of teaching would participate in the concern which attends the minds of their elder bretheren and sisters; and if they sometimes make a trifling sacrifice on their own part, to enable parents to avail themselves more extensively of their services, the consciousneſs of having been instrumental in doing good will, no doubt, be a sufficient reward. We do therefore, earnestly hope, that a deep and abiding interest in the welfare of their own Society, with the desire of becoming its useful instruments, will induce them to adopt a disinterested course, in accordance with Christian duty.–

We would propose to the Yearly Meeting, that the Queries adopted last year, be again sent down to the Subordinate meetings, with a note appended, requesting them to be particular in making full and definite reports of all the Children that attend schools under the care of Friends, and in giving such other information in relation to this subject, as may be interesting and useful to the Yearly Meeting.

On behalf of the Committee,
Moses A. Cartland.

Newport, 6 mo. 17. 1836.–

The Queries above referred to, are,

1. How many Schools are there within your limits, under the care of Friends, (distinguishing between Monthly Meeting, Preparative Meeting, and Family Schools)–and what has been the average duration of these Schools during the year?

2. How many children of Friends have attended Friends' Schools within the year?

(Monthly Meetings are desired to answer these Queries in season for the Spring Quarterly Meetings, and to add any further information on the subject of Schools that it may seem desirable for the Yearly Meeting to become possessed of, in conformity with the above Report.–And Quarterly Meetings are desired to transmit these answers to our next Yearly Meeting.)

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, held on Rhode Island, 6th month, 1836.

It was concluded to raise seven hundred Dollars for the use of this meeting for the year ensuing.— And our several Quarterly Meetings were requested to forward their respective proportions of this sum, to David Buffum, the Treasurer of this Meeting. Salem Quarterly Meetings proportion is eighty-seven $\frac{50}{100}$ Dollars.

On behalf of said Meeting,
Abr^{m} Shearman, Jr. Clerk.

Our several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions of said sum to Abijah Chase, Treas^{r} of this meeting.—

The busineſs of this meeting being accomplished, we conclude, purposing to meet again at Weare at the usual time in the 10th month next.—

Signed on behalf of the meeting.
Wm. Bassett, Clerk.

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Weare, 20th of 10th month, 1836.

By accounts received from our monthly meetings the Representatives are;

For Salem. Nathan Breed, Micajah C. Pratt, Enoch Page, Jonathan Nichols, and Moses H. Beede.

For Seabrook. Newell Ordway, John Folsom, and Jonathan Beede.

For Weare. Daniel Gove 2nd, Moses Green, Herod Chase, and Allen Sawyer;

who are all present, but one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason is assigned.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting, with the required answers from our several Monthly Meetings.

The accounts from Seabrook Monthly Meeting, which were inadvertently left in the 8th month last, are now received and read; and information is given that two of the Representatives therein named were present.

Our esteemed friend Olney Thompson attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from Dover Monthly Meeting held 9th mo. 21st informing that he is a member of that meeting, and a minister in unity, and expressive of their unity with him in his present engagement. His company and religious services have been acceptable.

Our esteemed friend Nathan Page attended this meeting, with a certificate from Starksboro' Monthly Meeting held 30th of 9th month, informing that he is a member of that meeting, and a minister in unity, and Expressive of their unity with him in his prospect of a religious visit amongst us; His company has been acceptable.—

Also, our esteemed friend Mary Page, wife and Companion to Nathan Page, attended this meeting with a copy ~~from~~ of a minute from the same Monthly Meeting, informing that she is an Elder in that meeting, and Expreſsive of their unity with her in her prospect of accompanying her husband in his present religious visit, Her Company has been acceptable.

The Committee appointed to consider the subject of an alteration in the place of holding our Quarterly Meeting in the 5th month, are continued.—

This Meeting is informed by Seabrook Monthly Meeting held in the 8th month last, that they are united in the appointment of Susan L. Brown to the station of an Elder; which, after a time of solid consideration thereon, is united with by this and the women's Quarterly meeting; and the Clerk is directed to give the necessary information. —

The business being closed at this time, we conclude, purposing to meet again at Salem, at the usual time in the First month next.—

Signed on behalf of the meeting.

(signed) Samuel Boyce

Assistant Clerk.—

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Salem. 19th of 1st month. 1837.

Accounts are received from our several Monthly Meetings, and the Representatives are,

For Salem — Jonathan Nichols, Estes Newhall, Moses Breed, Ezra Johnson, Abijah Chase, and James P. Boyce.—

For Seabrook.— Robert Brown, Edward Gove, Jonathan Beede, and James Squiers.

For Weare.— Abijah Johnson, Daniel Hussey, John Robie, Nathan G. Chase Jr, & Joshua Page.

Who are all present but one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason is given.

The Queries, with the required answers from our several Monthly Meetings, have been read at this time.

The Committee appointed to consider the subject of an alteration in the place of holding our Quarterly Meeting in the 5th month, inform that they have had the subject in consideration since our last

Quarterly Meeting, but are not prepared to make a further report at this time. They are therefore continued. —

The General Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of London, and an Epistle of Counsel from that Yearly Meeting to its Quarterly and Monthly Meetings, have been read at this time, and are to our satisfaction. — 350 Copies of each are received which the Clerk is directed to distribute to our several Monthly Meetings.

The Clerk is directed to furnish our friend Olney Thompson with a copy of the minute made on his behalf at our last Quarterly meeting.

We appoint Stephen A. Chase, Jonathan Beede, & Nathan G. Chase 2d., to prepare essays for returning Certificates for our friends Jos: Hoag & Benja. Fry, and present the same at our next Quarterly Meetg.

The business of this meeting being accomplished, we conclude, purposing to meet again at Seabrook at the usual time in the 5th. month next.

Signed on behalf of the meeting.

Wm. Bassett, Clerk.

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Seabrook, 25th of 5th month. 1837.—

Accounts are received from our several Monthly Meetings, and the Representatives therein named are,

For Salem.— Estes Newhall, Nathan Breed, Jonathan Nichols, David Rodman, and Enoch Page.

For Seabrook.— Thomas Folsom, Nathan Hanson, Edward Gove, and Newell Ordway.—

For Weare. Moses Green, John Sawyer, Nathan G. Chase Jr, and Johnson Gove.—

who are all present, but one.—

The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed, the Representatives have proposed Wm Bassett for Clerk, and Samuel Boyce for Assistant, which meeting the approbation of this meeting, they are appointed to those services for the ensuing year.

Our esteemed friend Lindley M. Hoag attended this meeting with a Certificate from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, N. H. held on the 18th Inst. expressive of his being a minister in Unity with them, and of their approbation of his present engagement.— His company & religious services have been acceptable to us.

The Queries have been read at this time, with answers from our several Monthly Meetings, from which a summary has been prepared for our ensuing Yearly Meeting, and Jonathan Nichols, Moses

H. Beede, Newell Ordway, Samuel Boyce, Edward Gove, Estes Newhall, Nathan G. Chase Jr., and Enoch Gove are appointed to attend said Yearly Meeting as Representatives.

Answers to the Queries on Education proposed by our last Yearly Meeting are at this time received from our Monthly Meetings, which the Clerk is directed to transmit to the Yearly Meeting, with such additional information on the subject as may be furnished by the Representatives from our Monthly Meetings.

The Committee appointed to consider the subject of an alteration in the place of holding our Quarterly Meeting in the 5th month, inform that it has claimed their attention but that way has not opened for proposing any alteration. They are therefore discharged from the further consideration of the subject.—

The Committee appointed to prepare Essays for returning Certificates for our friends Joseph Hoag and Benjamin Fry, informing that they have not accomplished the service; this meeting has at this time prepared one for our friend Joseph Hoag, which the Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf, & transmit to Ferrisburg Monthly Meeting. The Committee is continued to prepare an Essay on behalf of our friend Benja. Fry.—

The womens Quarterly Meeting have prepared a returning Certificate for our friend Huldah Hoag to Ferrisburg Monthly Meeting, which being approved, the Clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf.

Salem Monthly Meeting informs that they are united in the appointment of Rachel B. Holder to the Station of an Elder, which claiming our solid Consideration, is united with by this and the women's Quarterly Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to give the neceſsary information. –

The following minute from Salem Monthly Meeting is received at this time, viz:-

"This meeting having taken into consideration the subject of Slavery, and feeling a deep sense of the importance of faithfully maintaining the ancient testimony of our Society against ~~Slavery~~ the iniquitous practice of holding man as property, and of buying & selling our fellow creatures who are, equally with ourselves, the objects of Redeeming love; after serious & weighty deliberation thereon, do feel Constrained to propose that our next Quarterly Meeting should, if it be deemed proper, introduce the important subject to the consideration of our ensuing Yearly Meeting, in order for the united action of that body, by memorializing Congreſs for the abolition of Slavery in the District of Columbia, and for the prohibiting of the internal Slave-trade as far as the general government poſsesses the power. Also, in order that the Yearly Meeting may, should way open for it, solemnly addreſs other denominations of professing Christians for the purpose of calling their attention to the inconsistency of this system of oppression and wrong with the principles of Christianity; Or that any other measures may be taken that the Yearly Meeting may deem proper for the removal of this Crying Sin from our land."

And the concern meeting our cordial approbation, this meeting, with the concurrence of the Womens Quarterly Meeting, unites in laying the propositions therein contained before our ensuing Yearly Meeting; and the Clerk is directed to transmit a Copy of this minute accordingly.-

Our Treasurer is directed to pay our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock to the Treasr. of the Yearly Meeting.

The advice of our Discipline on the subject of "Trade," claiming the attention of this meeting, it is concluded to recommend to our Monthly Meetings that care be taken to appoint Committees to extend care and assistance as way may open for agreeably to the advice of the Discipline; and the Clerk is directed to transmit a Copy of this minute to each of our Monthly Meetings.

A returning certificate being now prepared for our friend Nathan Page to Stucksboro' Monthly Meeting, expressive of our satisfaction with his Company & services, the Clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf, & forward it to that meeting.—

A Report from this to the Yearly Meeting is at this time ~~received~~ prepared, which the Clerk is directed to sign on behalf of this meeting.—

The business of this meeting having been accomplished, we Conclude, purposing to meet again at Lynn, at the usual time in the 8th month next.

Signed on behalf of the meeting,
Wm. Bassett, Clk.

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Summary.—

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended; those on first days by the greater part of our members, while those in the middle of the week and for discipline are much neglected by some.— The hour generally pretty well observed, while with a few there is an obvious deficiency.— A few instances of Sleeping.— some Care taken.— Of other unbecoming behavior mostly Clear.— We believe love and unity are maintained in a good degree by most friends, yet we apprehend they are not so fully Cherished by some as our profession would lead to.— We believe Detraction is mostly guarded against, yet more Caution in this respect is desirable.— When differences have arisen, Care has been taken to end them.— There appears to be a good degree of care with most friends, to bring up those under their direction in plainness, to restrain from reading pernicious books, & from Corrupt Conversation, and to be good examples — Still many deviations are observable, particularly as regards plainness.— We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends' families.

We think friends are Careful in respect to temperance, frequenting taverns & places of public resort, with a few Exceptions, & some Care taken. — Careful in the several particulars of the 5th query, except three instances of minors out from among friends — Some Care taken. Friends appear to be generally careful in proceedings in relation to marriage — two instances of Exception are noticed. — We know of no violation in our testimonies in the several particulars of this query, Except four instances of a military nature, and one of not bearing a faithful testimony against the payment of priests wages — Some Care taken. — We believe most friends are Careful in the several parts of this (8th) query — two or three instances of embarrassment in business have recently occurred. — Some other deficiency in the seasonable payment of debts. — Marriages duly recorded — births and deaths mostly — Some deficiency respecting removal Certificates — Care taken. — Care has been taken to deal with offenders, we trust in a good degree as queried after, yet short of what is embraced in this (10th) query. Judgment has been placed according to discipline —

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Lynn 17th of 8th month. 1837.

Accounts are received from our several monthly meetings, and the Representatives therein named are,

For Salem. Daniel Johnson, Moses H. Beede, Enoch Page, Jonathan Nichols & Charles Chase.

Seabrook.– Edward Gove, Oliver D. Rogers, Jonathan Beede and William Rogers.

Weare.– Levi Gove, Joseph Hussey, John Chase, & Nathan Sawyer of Henniker.

Who are all present, but one.

A part of the Friends composing a Committee of our Yearly Meeting to visit subordinate meetings and ~~[illegible]~~ individuals, are acceptably with us at this time, producing a minute of their appointment.

The Queries, with the required answers, from our several Monthly Meetings, have been read at this time.

The Committee continued to prepare an Essay for a Returning Certificate for our friend Benjn Fry, [illegible], which being satisfactory, the Clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf, and transmit it to Sandwich Monthly Meeting.

Our beloved friend Ruth Davis attended this meeting with a Copy of a minute of New Bedford Monthly Meeting held on the [illegible] ult, expressive of her being a minister in Unity, and of their approbation in her present engagement. Also, our beloved friend Mary Shove attended this meeting with an extract, from the minutes of Swansey Monthly Meeting, held on the 31st ult, expressing their approbation in her prospect of accompanying our friend Ruth Davis, and of her being a minister in unity with them. Their company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

The Clerk is directed to forward to Sandwich Monthly Meeting, N. H. a copy of the minute made on behalf of our friend Lindley M. Hoag at our last Quarterly Meeting.

The subject of the admission of Texas into the American Union having been brought before this meeting by a minute of Salem Monthly Meeting, with a proposition that measures be taken for memorializing Congress against such admission, or, that such other measures may be taken therein as the meeting may deem advisable; the subject claimed our deliberate consideration, and Stephen A. Chase, Daniel Johnson, Moses A. Beede, Philip Chase, Thomas Spencer, Levi Gove, and Edward Gove, were appointed to prepare a memorial and forward to this meeting for approbation. They subsequently produced an Essay for a memorial to Congress, which being approved, the Clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf; and David Rodman, Estes Newhall, Nathan Chase, Wm. Bassett, Samuel [illegible], [illegible] Pratt, Isaac Winslow, Stephen A. Chase, Joseph [illegible], [illegible] Pratt, John B. Chase, Philip Chase, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] are appointed to take charge of the same, and to forward it to Congress, should such a course in their judgment be called for; and they are desired to report at our next Quarterly Meeting.

The following advices from our late Yearly Meeting are at this time received and read; and the Clerk is directed to transmit copies of the same to our several Monthly Meetings.

"Extracts from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Newport from the 11th to the 16th inclusive of the Sixth month, 1837.

The annual Report of the Boarding School Committee was received and read, & the attention given by the Committee to the concerns of the Institution placed under their care, was satisfactory to this Meeting. The following is the Report: —

To the Yearly Meeting

The Boarding School Committee Report, that they have endeavored to discharge the duties confided to them by the Yearly Meeting, during the past year, in giving their attention to the various concerns of the Institution.

Meetings have been regularly continued, and harmony has prevailed. The average number of Scholars has been one hundred and thirty-four. At the present time there are twelve scholars in the Institution who are not members of our religious Society, all but two of whom are connected with

with Friends. Our friends Enoch and Lydia Breed have continued, acceptably, to act as Superintendents, during the past year, but desiring to be released, we have at this time agreed with our friends Rowland and Alice Rathbun, to serve the Institution in that capacity, who are expected to enter upon this service the first of next month. Moses B. Lockwood, Jonathan L. Slocum, Samuel Austin and Lewis Faber are employed as Teachers in the Boy's School, and Mary-Ann Barker, Emeline Aldrich, and Elizabeth F. Osborne in the Girls'. George F. Reed is employed as instructor in the Languages. Isaac Hallaway continues to exercise a care over the Boys out of School hours, and to act as Book keeper, and Paulina Crane is employed as a caretaker of the Girls, and has charge of the Sewing School.

The Treasurer's and Superintendents' accounts have been settled, by which it appears that the Institution is in debt, $5.158.66 Cts. This debt may be ascribed, principally, to the high price, for the past two years, of the various articles of consumption required in the family, and to there not having been so large a number, as heretofore, admitted into the School, who were not members of our Society, the terms of whose admission are higher than for members. In order to meet the present deficiency, we have requested the Treasurer of the School Fund to effect a loan of five thousand dollars. It appearing to the Committee, that some means must be adopted to liquidate this debt, and to meet the probable current expenses of the School for the future, we propose for the consideration of the Yearly Meeting, that Books and Stationary be charged to the Scholars, at their cost at whole-sale; that the privilege granted Monthly Meetings be suspended; that the allowance for travelling expenses to Children who come from the three eastern Quarterly Meetings, be reduced, from *six* to *four* cents per mile; and that the general price of board and tuition, (for members of this Yearly Meeting) be raised to seventeen dollars per quarter, payable as heretofore, in *advance* — to commence on the first of Eighth month next. By adopting this arrangement, with the probable reduction of cost in the articles of consumption, it is believed that the expenses of the School may be met, and the debt gradually discharged.

The amount of funds belonging to the Institution, for the schooling of poor Children, including the bequest for that purpose by our late friend Moses Brown, is $6650. It is proposed that this should be kept, by the Treasurer, distinct from the general funds; and the income of it will support twelve Children, six months each, at seventeen dollars per quarter.

"We have continued the appointed Committee to examine the School semi-annually, who, on these occasions, have devoted several days to the service. By their reports we are informed, that the general appearance of the School had been such as to give them much satisfaction. The Scholars have given encouraging evidence of attention to their various studies, in most of which they have exhibited a proficiency alike creditable to them and to their teachers. There has been an agreeable manifestation of a conformity, on the part of the children, to the advice of Friends in respect to plainness.

In adverting to the past year we feel bound to acknowledge the preservation that has been mercifully extended to us, under which we trust, the School has been continued in good degree, in accordance with the intentions of the Yearly Meeting in its establishment.

On behalf of the Committee,

[illegible], 6th, 9th month, 1837 } [illegible] Clerk.

The several propositions, contained in the preceding Report of the Boarding School Committee, having been referred for consideration, to a Committee of this meeting, they produced, at a subsequent sitting, the following Report which was united with, and was directed to be forwarded to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings, in connection with the Report of the School Committee, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting.- The Committee to take into consideration the propositions contained in the Report of the Boarding School Committee, report that they have given them their careful consideration, and that they are united in opinion, that it will be best for the Yearly Meeting to adopt them for the present year. We would suggest however, (in accordance with the intention of the School Committee) that the Class Books, for reading, should be supplied to the scholars, free of expense, and that this information be appended to the Report of the School Committee.

We would propose, in order for a proper selection of poor children to occupy the privilege of the Charitable Fund,* that Monthly Meetings be requested to ascertain the number of such Children of this description, in their respective meetings, and to communicate their names and ages to the acting Committee of the School, by the time of their meeting in the 9th. month next, at Providence.

On behalf of the Committee,

Thomas Jones

Newport, 6th. month 14. 1837. Mary G. Brown.

(* The words of Moses Brown's will, in relation to his bequest are, "for the schooling of such members of the Society as are actually poor, supported or not as such, by the respective Monthly Meetings; and females are to have equal advantages of the school of this house as males.)

This Meeting having again taken under deliberate consideration, the propriety of admitting Children into its Boarding School, who are not members of our Society, came to the conclusion, that it would not be advisable to receive any Children who are not members except in those Cases where one or, both Parents are members, and who, in the judgment of the acting Committee, are proper subjects to become Inmates of the Institution.

Answers to the Queries on the subject of Education, received from our several Quarterly Meetings, were read, and a Committee appointed to compile a digest of the information therein contained, (and if way should open for it, to prepare a minute of advice on this subject, —

At a subsequent sitting, the Committee presented the following Report, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting.- The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Education, report, that by the information received from the several Quarterly Meetings, there appear to have been, in the course of the past year,- three Monthly Meeting Schools, averaging six months; three Preparative Meeting Schools which averaged eight months; fifteen Family Schools, averaging seven months, five are newly established. Also five private or select schools, under the entire control of Friends, but, not, confined exclusively to Friends' children. The number of scholars who have attended the above schools, (or who have received instruction at the Yearly Meeting's Boarding School) is reported to have been about five hundred & fifty; making an increase, since last year, of one hundred and fifty. Several district Schools have been taught by members of our Society.

Although the information derived from the answers to the Queries, is not so full and explicit as would have been desirable, yet it affords evidence of the interest felt, by many Friends, in the welfare of the rising generation, by providing the means of a guarded education. While some parents, in many parts of our widely extended Yearly Meeting, are making commendable exertions to bring up their children in the way they should go, we regret that this concern is not more extensively felt. In looking over our Society, and beholding the Children who are soon to take the places of their parents, (and upon whom the important Concerns of Society must ere long devolve, a deep solicitude is felt on this account, that the clay in the hands of the potter may not be marred on the wheel. We are aware that some of the peculiar testimonies which we are called upon to sustain, (and which distinguish us from other religious denominations, are liable to be viewed by our Children, who are compelled to associate with others in acquiring a practical education, as presenting a formidable obstacle in the way of their Continuing Consistent members of our Society; — and we earnestly recommend to parents, and particularly to those whose locations are so remote from each other, as to render it impracticable to establish Schools of their own, to endeavor to remove this obstacle, as far as it may be done, by providing the means of instruction in their and families, (and by impressing upon the minds of their offspring the importance of building up this hedge about them, which may prove the blessing of preservation in after years.

In Conclusion we would simply advert to the necessity of still maintaining a lively interest in this highly important (and interesting Concern, not only as a duty incumbent upon *us*, but as a means of contributing to the happiness and welfare of the beloved youth.

On behalf of the Committee.

William Reynolds.

Which having been read and considered, was satisfactory to us; and this Meeting having long been deeply interested for the guarded education of the children and youth of our Society, recommends this subject to the solid attention of Friends; and directs that copies of the Report be forwarded to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, Sixth month, 18[illegible].

This meeting having been brought under exercise for the preservation and right advancement of the Christian testimonies, which distinguish us, to a great extent at least, from the various other bodies of professing Christians, — a concern has prevailed, that in all our movements to promote the cause of truth and righteousness in the earth, whether it be the amelioration of the condition of our fellow beings who are suffering under oppression, or the moral & religious improvement of our brethren of the human family generally, a reference may be had, by all our members, to the ground of religious concern, and to the guidance of that Wisdom which is first pure, then peaceable, gentle and easy to be entreated, — and which is profitable to direct us in the path of safety. And under this exercise, an earnest solicitude has been felt, that we may do nothing to compromise the testimony to the spiritual nature of Divine worship, borne by our early Friends, when called upon to leave the various religious denominations with which they had been associated, and again to revive among the nations in which they were scattered, a testimony to the operative influence of the spirit of Truth upon the mind of man, so amply borne witness to in the Holy Scriptures, as essentially necessary to the performance of every religious act, and for our guidance in every good word & work. And while we desire that we may all maintain a spirit & temper which will prevent us from condemning, or in any way attempting to impede the well meant endeavors of others to promote any of the objects of Christian benevolence, or of moral reform, that occupy the attention of the the public mind, in the present day; we have believed that the preservation of the precious testimonies to which we have alluded, and our influence, as a religious Society, in promoting the important objects, alike desirable to every benevolent mind, very much depend upon a close adherence to our peculiar principles.

Under these considerations, we have believed, that to open our Meeting houses to Lecturers, whose opinions and principles, on many subjects, that we consider of primary importance, are widely different from ours, and which we apprehend are frequently brought into view in such lectures, will have a tendency to draw off the minds of our members, from an establishment in the truth of those principles which have ever been maintained by us, and from a practical exemplification of them in our conduct. It is therefore our advice & judgment, that all such applications for the use of our meeting houses, may be discountenanced by Friends.

Extracted, by direction, from the minutes of the Meeting,

Abraham Shearman Jun. Clerk.

The following Extract from the minutes of our Yearly Meeting is also received, viz:-

Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England,
Sixth month, 1837.

It was concluded to raise twelve hundred Dollars for the use of this Meeting, for the year ensuing. David Buffum was appointed Treasurer, and our several Quarterly Meetings were requested to forward to him, their respective proportions of this sum. Salem Quarterly Meeting's proportion is one hundred & fifty dollars.

On behalf of said Meeting,
Abrm. Shearman jr. Clerk.

and our several monthly meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions of said sum to Abijah Chase, Treas. of this meeting.

One thousand copies of an address of the Yearly Meeting to its own members, & those of other Christian Communities, on the subject of Slavery, are recd., and the Clerk is directed to distribute the same to our several monthly Meetings.

A memorial of Weare Monthly Meeting concerning our late beloved friend Thomas Davis, is at this time received, and read, and is referred to Estes Newhall Moses H. Beede, Stephen A. Chase, and Nathan Page, who are desired to report thereon at our next Quarterly Meeting.

The business of this Meeting having been accomplished, we conclude, purposing to meet again at Weare at the usual time in the 10th month next.

Signed in behalf of the Meeting. Wm. Bassett Clerk.

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Weare, 19th. of 10th. month. 1837. 10.

Accounts are received from our several Monthly Meetings (and the Representatives therein named are,

For Salem. Nathan Page, Nathan Breed, John B. Chase, Humphrey [illegible] Johnson, Jonathan Nichols, and Abijah Chase;

Seabrook. - Jonathan Peede, Jonathan Miller, & Oliver D. Rogers,

Weare. - Moses A. Cartland, Moses Greene Eliphalet Page, Levi Gove, & Daniel Buxton.

Who are all present.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our esteemed friend Royal Southwick with an Extract from the minutes of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting held 9mo. 1st. Expressive of his being a minister in esteem with them & of their unity with him in his present engagement.

Our esteemed friend Edward Foster is acceptably with us, with an Extract from the minutes of the same meeting, Expressive of his being an Elder in unity with them, & of their approbation of his prospect of accompanying our friend Royal Southwick in his present visit.

The Queries with the required answers from our several Monthly Meetings, have been read at this time.

The Committee to whom was referred the Memorial from this Quarterly Meeting to the Congress of the United States, against the admission of the territory of Texas to the American Union, report, that they forwarded the same to Stephen C. Phillips, member of the House of Representatives from Massachusetts, and that they have received information that it has been presented. - The doings of the Committee are satisfactory to this meeting. The following is a copy of the memorial, viz:-

"To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled.

The memorial and petition of the Quarterly Meeting of the Society of Friends, commonly called Quakers, of Sal and the vicinity, in the States of Massachusetts and New Hampshire

Respectfully shews:

That your memorialists have reason to apprehend, that propositions for the annexation of the territory of Texas to the American Union will be brought forward at the ensuing session of Congress, and that the question whether this territory shall become a part of our common Country, will be presented for your consideration.

Availing ourselves of the right of freemen and of citizens of the republic, we would respectfully express our earnest wishes and desires upon this interesting question.

We have great reason to apprehend from the character of the population in Texas as well as from the acts of those now in power there, that if admitted into our union Slavery will be tolerated in Texas.

We believe the system of Slavery to be contrary to the spirit and precepts of the gospel of Christ, inconsistent with the principles of enlightened philanthropy and benevolence, and irreconcilable with the doctrines of universal freedom, which the enlightened statesman as well as the consistent Christian must ardently desire to prevail.

These views are with us by no means new. They have been entertained by our religious society for a great length of time, and are not the product or fruit of any recent movement on this subject. For a long series of years, we as a religious body have, as we believe, been consistent and constant in our professions and practice in relation to Slavery. We base our principles now as we have always based them upon purely religious ground; and disclaiming all views inconsistent therewith, we desire to act consistently with our long and well known views of Christian faith and practice.

On these grounds and with these views therefore we do most earnestly object against a measure which would so greatly extend the evils of Slavery.

We have a deep stake in the welfare of our beloved Country — In her prosperity or adversity we must share, and by the measures of her government, whether for good or evil, we shall and must be affected.

We religiously believe that Righteousness exalteth a nation, but that sin is a reproach to any people, and we cannot therefore silently consent, that the system of Slavery fraught, as we consider it to be with evil, should be voluntarily extended by any act of our rulers in this enlightened day. We view the extent of the evil to be already far too alarming within our borders, without seeking to enlarge its bounds; and however embarrassing or difficult the attempt to rid our Country of the evil as it now exists may be considered — when the question simply is — shall this evil be extended? it seems to us it should unite the heart of every friend of his country and of his race in giving a negative to this proposition.

We, therefore, would respectfully and earnestly express our desire that no measures should be taken by Congress to admit the territory of Texas into the American Union.

We would also express our fervent wishes that He who holds the destinies of nations in His hands, would so graciously condescend to influence the hearts of our rulers, that they may rule in righteousness, and that thereby our Country may be exalted and blessed.

Signed by direction and on behalf of Salem Quarterly Meeting aforesaid, held at Lynn, 17th of 8th month, 1837

Wm. Bassett, Clerk

The memorial of Lynn Monthly Meeting concerning our late beloved friend Thomas Davis (dec'd) being returned by the committee to whom it was referred, with some slight alterations, is approved by this and the women's Quarterly meeting, and the Clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf and forward it to the meeting for sufferings.

The womens Quarterly meeting has at this time prepared returning Certificates for our friends, Ruth Davis & Mary Shove to their respective monthly meetings, expressive of our satisfaction with their Company and religious services, which, meeting our approbation, the clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting.

The business of this meeting having been accomplished, we conclude, purposing to meet again at Salem, at the usual time in the First month next.

Signed on behalf of the meeting.
Wm. Bassett Clerk.

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Salem 18th of 1st mo; 1838.

Accounts are received from our several Monthly meetings, and the Representatives therein named are,

For Salem - David Rodman, Ichabod Nichols, James Oliver, Estes Newhall, and Enoch Page.

Seabrook. - Robert Brown, Moses Huntington Jr., Jonathan Beede, & Edward Gove,

Weare. - Abijah Johnson, Levi Gove; Joshua Page, & John Sawyer.

Who are all present.

The Queries, with the required answers from our several Monthly Meetings, have been read at this time.

It appears by the minutes of Salem Monthly Meeting that, that meeting is united in the appointment of Jonathan Nichols to the station of an Elder, which claiming our deliberate consideration, is united with by this and the womens Quarterly Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to give the necessary information.

The Clerk having informed this meeting of the reception of a quantity of printed Copies of the general Epistle of London Yearly Meeting of the last year, which, not being present at this time, he is directed to distribute the same to our several monthly Meetings.

Our Esteemed friend Royal Southwick, who attended our last Quarterly Meeting with an extract from the minutes of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, having also visited most of the meetings constituting this, and appointed some meetings within our limits; a returning certificate is at this time prepared, expressive of the same, and of our satisfaction with his company and religious services: also expressing our satisfaction with the company of our esteemed friend Edward Foster, who accompanied our friend Royal Southwick in his visit amongst us; which the Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf, and forward to that monthly Meeting.

The business of this meeting being accomplished, we conclude, purposing to meet again at Seabrook, at the usual time in the Fifth month next.

Given forth by order of the meeting,

Wm. Bassett Clerk.

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Seabrook, 24th of 5th month. 1838.

Accounts are received from our several monthly meetings, and the Representatives are,

For Salem — Estes Newhall, Nathan Breed, Enoch Page, Jonathan Nichols, and Abijah Chase.

Seabrook — Robert Brown, William Rogers, John Folsom, and Jonathan Bede.

Weare — John Page, Herod Chase, John Chase, and Nathan G. Chase Jr.

Who are all present.

The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed, William Bassett is appointed Clerk, and Samuel Boyce, assistant, for the day.—

The Queries have been read at this time, with answers from our several Monthly Meetings, from which a summary is prepared for our ensuing Yearly Meeting to be held on Rhode Island, and Jonathan Nichols, Micajah C. Pratt, Samuel Boyce, Wm Rogers, Enoch Page, and John Page are appointed to attend said Yearly meeting as Representatives.

Our Treasurer is directed to pay our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock to the Treasurer of that meeting.

A report from this to the ensuing Yearly Meeting: being prepared and approved the Clerk is directed to sign the same on our behalf.—

The business of this meeting being accomplished, we conclude, purposing to meet again at Lynn, at the usual time in the 8th month next.—

Signed on behalf of the meeting.

Wm. Bassett, Clerk.

Summary

1st All our meetings have been attended, those on first days by most of our members; meetings for discipline not so fully attended; other midweek meetings continue to be neglected by many. The hour pretty well observed, yet there still remains a want of care with some.. A few instances of sleeping.- Other unbecoming behavior mostly guarded against.

2d. We believe there is a concern with most Friends to maintain love and unity, yet a deficiency herein is apparent amongst us.- We think there is a care with most Friends to guard against detraction, yet one meeting mentions its being too much indulged in by some. When differences have arisen, endeavors have been used to end them.

3d. Friends are generally careful to bring up those under their care in plainness of speech, behavior, & apparel, and to restrain them agreeably to the requisitions of this query; and endeavor to be good Examples herein themselves; yet one of our monthly meetings acknowledges that there is a great departure from the simplicity of our profession in these respects.- We believe the Holy Scriptures are generally read in most families.

4th. We think friends, with but very few exceptions, are careful to avoid the use of Spirituous liquors as queried after; also, the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort. Moderation & temperance generally observed.

5th. Care is taken in these respects.

6th. Careful, except a few instances of keeping company not conformable to our discipline, and some care taken.

7th. We know of no violations of our testimony in the several particulars of this query, except a few instances of a military nature.—

8th. Most Friends appear to be careful in the requisitions of this query, although there has been several instances of failure in business, and a want of care with some in regard to living within the bounds of their circumstances, and in the settlements— Some care taken.

9th. Marriages duly recorded, except one instance, and care taken.— Births and deaths not so fully attended to. Several cases of removal without certificates.—

10th. Care is taken to deal with offenders, in some good degree as queried after, yet we are sensible of weakness and falling short in the discharge of this important duty.— Judgment has been placed according to discipline.

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Lynn. 16th. of 8th. month. 1838.

Accounts are received from our several Monthly meetings, & the Representatives are,

For Salem - Daniel Johnson, Abner Chase, James Purinton, Jonathan Nichols, and David Rodman.

Seabrook - Jonathan Beede, Oliver D. Rogers, William Rogers, and Edward Gove.

Weare. - Daniel Hussey, John Sawyer, Israel Hoag, John Page, and Moses Green.

who are all present.

The Representatives have at this time proposed William Bassett for Clerk, and Samuel Boyce for Assistant, which being approved, they are appointed to those services for one year.

Our beloved friend, Joseph John Gurney, attended this meeting, producing a Certificate from Norwich Monthly Meeting, held in the 3rd. mo., 1837, endorsed by the Quarterly meeting of Norfolk and Norwich, held in the same month; also, a Certificate from the Yearly meeting of ministers and Elders held in London in the 5th. and 6th. months of the same year, all expressive of their unity with him in his present engagements, as a minister in good Esteem with them; which have been read in this meeting, and, with his company and religious services, have been satisfactory and edifying to us.

We have, also, the acceptable company of our beloved friend Henry Hinsdale, with an extract, from the minutes of New-York Monthly Meeting of 6th. of 6th. month last, expressive of his being an Elder in Unity with them, and of their approbation of his accompanying our friend Joseph John Gurney in his present visit.

The Queries, with the required answers from our several monthly Meetings, have been read at this time.

The Representatives to our last Yearly Meeting inform that they all attended.

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting are received and read to our satisfaction, as follows, and the Clerk is directed to transmit Copies of the same to our several monthly meetings.

"Extracts from the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, held on Rhode-Island, from the 10th. to the 15th, inclusive, of the Sixth Month, 1838.

The following Report of the Boarding School Committee was received and read, and a Committee appointed to consider the several propositions therein contained.

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Boarding School Committee report, That they have continued, during the past year, to give their attention to the various concerns of the Institution. Meetings for Divine worship have been regularly held, and harmony has prevailed. During the past autumn the School was visited, in common with the neighborhood, with Scarlet Fever, which attacked a large number of the inmates of the Institution, and proved fatal in two instances. In consequence of this solemn dispensation, many of the scholars returned to their homes, & did not subsequently re-enter the School; though for the past few months the family and scholars have been favored with the enjoyment of usual good health. The average number of scholars during the past year has been seventy-nine.

Our friends Rowland and Alice Rathbun are employed as

Superintendents; and Samuel Austin and James Chase as Teachers in the Boys' School; and Emeline Aldrich and Elizabeth H. Osborne in the Girls'. George F. Read has charge of instruction in the Languages, and assists in keeping the Books; and Freelove Greene continues to act as a care taker of the Girls, and to attend to the Sewing School.- Moses B. Lockwood, who has recently left the Institution, has been employed as principal Teacher in the Boys' School during most of the past year.

The Committee have from time to time had under their consideration the propriety of dividing the year into two terms, with a vacation at the close of each term, instead of continuing under our present arrangement.- Many advantages, it has appeared to them, would result from adopting this plan.- It has, for several years, been a desirable object to enable the Teachers to introduce a better classification of the Scholars in their various studies, than has been practicable under the existing system of admission at irregular intervals, and which they have believed would much facilitate their improvement. It has appeared to the Committee reasonable, that the health of the Teachers should be consulted, by affording them such relaxation from their employment as would result from the adoption of this arrangement. The consideration that the health of all the inmates of the Institution may be promoted by a more thorough cleansing of the house, twice in each year, than can be effected while its various apartments continue to be occupied, has also had much weight with them.

They are therefore united in proposing to the Yearly Meeting, that the Year be divided into two terms of twenty-four weeks each, each term to be succeeded by a vacation of two weeks; the

Summer term to commence on the second day preceding the first fifth day in the fifth month, and the Winter term on the second day preceding the first fifth day in the eleventh month; and that the last week of each term be occupied in an examination of the Schools, by Committees from time to time especially appointed to that service by the general School Committee.

Should this arrangement be approved by the Yearly Meeting, it will be expected that Children shall enter the School at the commencement of each term; and consequently that the time of their continuance there, shall not, except under peculiar circumstances, and the approbation of the Acting Committee being first had, include a part of a term.

While this arrangement would, in the view of the Committee, be of essential advantage to the School, they are induced to believe that, when once carried into operation, it would not materially affect the convenience of parents. By far the greater number of Children from the more distant parts of the Yearly Meeting now enter the School for a term of six months; and very few from any quarter remain there for a longer time without making a visit to their friends. In cases however where great inconvenience is likely to arise to parents or children from the adoption of this plan, should any such present, the Committee will endeavor to make arrangements for their accommodation.

The Treasurers and Superintendents accounts have been settled, by which it appears that, the income of the School has exceeded its expenditures by $1345. 28 cts., and that the present indebtedness of the Institution is $3813. 37 cts. For more particular information of the expenditures we refer to a Copy of the Superintendent's account herewith presented. The pecuniary situation of the School will not, we think, warrant any reduction in the terms of admission from those concluded on last year; and we therefore propose that the price for members of Society, of our Yearly Meeting, be thirty-three dollars per term — for those who are not members of Society, who may be admitted, one or both of whose parents are members, forty-five dollars per term; and for members of other Yearly meetings, fifty dollars per term, payable in advance. Books and Stationary being furnished, as during the past year, at actual cost; with the understanding, that when scholars leave the School, the Books with which they have been supplied may be returned, by their paying for the use of them.-

Seven scholars have received the benefit of the charitable fund, and by the terms of the Will of the ~~present of~~ principal donor, claims to the amount of $131.04 cts. have been provided for, leaving a balance unexpended of about $60.— and supposing the income of this fund to continue the same, the ensuing year, the amot. will be about $460, which will support fourteen Scholars, one term each; and it is proposed that such Monthly Meetings as have children who are proper objects of this Charity should make immediate application to the acting school Committee for their admission.-

We have continued to appoint Committees to visit the Schools, and attend to the examination of the Scholars in their various studies once in six months. From the Report of the Committee who visited the School in the third month last, made to us at this time, we think it may be satisfactory for us to make the following extract:- 'The Committee to visit and examine the Schools report, that a number of them met at the time appointed and proceeded to examine the

Scholars in most or all the branches in which their attention had been engaged; and we feel free to acknowledge that we have cause to be thankful for the proficiency manifested by them in their various exercises, it being evident that they, as well as their Teachers, have been mindful of their duty, and that their attention had not been exclusively confined to improvement in literary and Scientific studies, but that the more important pursuit of life, the attainment of piety and virtue, had not been overlooked. The deportment and general appearance of the Scholars were much to our satisfaction, and the harmony that manifestly prevails throughout the family is an evidence that the Institution is still under the care of Him who is able to preserve."

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Committee,

Samuel Boyd Tobey, Clerk.

Boarding School. 5th mo. 4th. 1838.-

At a subsequent sitting, the Committee appointed to take into consideration the several propositions contained in the preceding Report of the Boarding School Committee, produced the following Report, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting.— The Committee to whom was referred the propositions contained in the Report of the School Committee, have had the same under consideration, and have concluded to recommend, that the Yearly Meeting adopt that in relation to dividing the year into two terms of twenty-four weeks each, with vacations of two weeks each between them, and recommend that Friends conform themselves thereto in sending their Children to the School.— It is, however, considered by this Committee to be desirable that a liberal construction should be given to the rule providing for admission for not less than six months, in favor of such as may wish to go for a shorter term, to complete the time they propose to spend at the School.

And after some discussion, it was agreed to recommend that the terms of board, tuition, &c. proposed by the School Committee, be adopted.

On behalf of the Committee,

Stephen A. Chase

6th. month 13th. 1838. Alice Chase.

Which being considered, was satisfactory to the Meeting, and the Clerk was directed to append this Report to that of the Boarding School Committee, when transmitted to our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

It appearing by the Report of the School Committee, that the charitable fund will support fourteen Scholars one term each, Monthly Meetings that have Children who are suitable objects of this Charity, are requested to make immediate application to the acting School Committee for their admission, in order that such children (as are admitted by said Committee) may be in readiness to enter the School at the Commencement of the Winter term, (which in the present year will begin on the 29th. of tenth month.)

During the time that has been occupied in considering the State of Society, as brought into view by the answers to the Queries; a covering has been spread over the meeting, under the influence of which we have been made in degree to rejoice, in the feeling, that, notwithstanding our many backslidings, — that stripped and peeled as we are, we are not yet forsaken by the Great Head of the Church; but that in condescending goodness, He is still disposed to be with us and to do us good; and that "in returning and rest", we may still be permitted to have hope in His continued mercies.

Much of pertinent counsel and caution was feelingly imparted, by concerned Friends now with us; and we were affectionately exhorted, in the love of the Gospel, to 'be watchful and strengthen the things that remain, that are ready to die'. That the Church endeavoring, through holy help, to edify itself together in love, may enter into a deep travail of spirit for a qualification to labor, for the removal of every hurtful thing from within its borders; and especially, for the restoration of love and unity in cases of sorrowful departure from this sure badge of discipleship, that have been deeply painful to many minds; and that the members of the church individually, may be concerned, in preference to every other pursuit, to "seek first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness". Then, we were feelingly reminded, should we cease to forsake the assembling of ourselves together, for the solemn object, the reasonable duty, of worshipping our Father who is in Heaven; and that being cemented together in the bonds of brotherly love, we should be enabled unitedly to worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.

Parents were tenderly exhorted to watch, with affectionate solicitude, over the minds of their children, and to seek in seasons of religious retirement with them, for ability rightly to discharge the very important duty of teaching them diligently, in the way that they should go; and the dear children were persuasively entreated, not to give way to any feeling that would lead them to withdraw themselves from under parental control, and to pursue a course of action independent of the counsel & advice of those who are thus watching over them for their good; but to bear in continued remembrance, the impressive injunction: 'Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor thy father and thy mother, which is the first commandment with promise.' And that all, of every age, may endeavor practically to bear in mind that, to the same extent that we are living members of the true Church, we are members also one of another, and shall be led to consult its peace, by being kindly affectioned one toward another, and preferring one another in love. —

A frequent perusal of the Holy Scriptures, with minds rightly turned to Him, under the influence of whose Spirit they were given forth — The restraints of Divine grace, operating upon the mind, in ordering our conduct and conversation among men; — an attention to its influence in restraining the perusal of improper books; — a careful regulation of our outward concerns by the limitations of Truth — and a faithful maintenance, on Christian grounds, of the simplicity of our profession in behavior, speech, and apparel — were subjects, among others, that were also feelingly touched upon.

And our dear absent Brethren being brought into affectionate remembrance, with desires that they may be enabled to participate, in some degree, in the exercises that have engaged the attention of Friends, the Clerk was directed to forward copies of this Minute, with the other extracts, to our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

From the minutes of New England Yearly Meeting,
[illegible] Month. 1838.)

Abraham Shearman, Jun.r
Clerk

The following Extract from the minutes of our Yearly Meeting, is also received, and our several Monthly Meetings are requested to pay their respective proportions of said sum to Abijah Chase, the Treas^{r} of this meeting.

"At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, in the Sixth mo. 1838.

It was concluded to raise thirteen hundred Dollars for the service of the ensuing year, and our several Quarterly Meetings were requested to forward their respective proportions of that sum, to David Buffum, the Treasurer of this Meeting.

From the minutes,

Ab^{m} Shearman, Jr. Clk.

Salem Quarterly Meeting's proportion is $\$165.\frac{50}{100}$."

The general Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in London, the present year, has been read in this meeting, and is satisfactory to us.— 325 printed copies of the same are received, which are distributed to our Monthly Meetings.

The business of this meeting being accomplished, we conclude, purposing to meet again at Weare at the usual time in the 10th month next.

Signed on behalf of the meeting.

Wm. Bassett, Clerk.

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Weare. 18th. of 10th. mo; 1838.

Accounts are received from our several Monthly meetings, and the Representatives are,

For Salem, Nathan Breed, Humphrey S. Johnson, Enoch Page, Jonathan Nichols, & Micajah C. Pratt.

Seabrook.- Nathan Hanson, Edwd. Gove, & Wm. B. Thompson.

Weare. Nathan Breed, Moses Green, Nathan Sawyer of Henniker, John Page jr., Moses Gove jr., and Daniel Osborn.

who are all present.

The Queries have been read at this time, with the required answers from our several Monthly Meetings.

Our esteemed friends, Lindley M. & Huldah B. Hoag from Sandwich, N. H. Monthly Meeting, Anna D. Wing, from Sandwich, Mass. Monthly Meeting, Comfort Jepson from China Monthly Meeting, and Abigail Nichols from Vassalboro' Monthly Meeting attended this meeting, producing Certificates from their respective meetings expressive of their being ministers in Unity, & of the approbation of their Friends in their present engagements.- Their company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Hannah H. Battey, with a Certificate from Starksboro' Monthly Meeting, Vt. endorsed by Ferrisburgh Quarterly meeting, expressing their approbation of her present religious engagement as a minister in unity with them, is also acceptably with us at this time.

We have, also, the acceptable company of Paul

Wing, companion to his wife, Anna D. Wing; Ezra Battey, Companion to his wife, Hannah H. Battey; and Abner Jepson, Companion to his wife, Comfort Jepson; with minutes from their respective meetings, expressive of their being Elders in Unity, and of their concurrence with them in their present engagements.

The business of this meeting being accomplished, we conclud, purposing to meet again at Salem, at the usual time in the 1st month next.

Signed on behalf of the meeting,

Wm Bassett, Clerk.

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Salem, 17th. of 1st month. 1839.

Accounts are received from our several monthly meetings, and the Representatives are,

For Salem.- Charles Chase, Nathan Page, Nathan Breed, James Purinton, and Ichabod Nichols.

Seabrook.- Robert Brown, Daniel Beede, and Joel H. Davis.

Weare.- Moses Green, Joseph Gove, Johnson Gove, Daniel Buxton, and Joseph Hoag.

who are all present.

The Queries, with the required answers from our several monthly meetings, have been read at this time.

Seabrook monthly meeting inform that they are united in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Newell Ordway, which, after deliberation, is united with, the womens Quarterly meeting concurring, (and the Clerk is directed to give the necessary information.

The Clerk is directed to forward copies of the minutes made at our last Quarterly Meeting in behalf of our friends Lindley M. Hoag, Huldah B. Hoag, Paul Wing, Ezra Beatty, & Abner Jepson, to their respective monthly meetings.

Our esteemed friend Susan Howland attended this meeting, with an Extract from the minutes of New-Bedford Monthly Meeting, held 27th. of last month, expressive of her being a minister in Unity with them, (and of their approbation of her present Engagement. Her company & religious services have been acceptable & Edifying to us.

We have, also, the acceptable company of our esteemed friend George Howland, companion to his wife Susan Howland, with a minute of approbation from the same Monthly Meeting.

The Clerk is directed to furnish our friends George and Susan Howland with copies of the above minutes

The women's Quarterly meeting has at this time prepared returning minutes for our friends Hannah H. Beatty, Comfort Jepson, Abigail Nichols, & Anna G. Wing, to their respective meetings, which being approved, the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf.

The business of this meeting being accomplished, we conclude, purposing to meet again at Seabrook, at the usual time in the fifth month next.

Signed on behalf of the meeting.

Wm. Bassett, Clerk.

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Seabrook, 23d of 5th month. 1839.

By accounts recd. from our monthly meetings the Representatives are,

For Salem. Estes Newhall, Charles Chase, Jona. Nichols. Nathan Page, Nathan Breed, & Micajah C. Pratt.

For Seabrook.- Oliver D. Rogers, Moses Huntington Jr, and Newell Ordway.

For Weare. Moses Greene, John Page, Enoch Breed, Johnson Gove, and Josiah Gove, who are all present.

The Queries have been read at this time with answers from our several monthly meetings, from which a summary is prepared for our next Yearly meeting to be held on Rhode Island in the 6th month next; and Estes Newhall, Ichabod Nichols, John Page, Newell Ordway, Enoch Breed, Abijah Johnson, Wm B. Thompson, and Samuel Boyce, are appointed to attend said meeting as Representatives.-

Seabrook monthly meeting having requested our advice & assistance respecting the intrusions made upon their meeting-house yard in Seabrook, we appoint Abijah Chase, Estes Newhall, Micajah C. Pratt, Saml. Boyce, Nathan G. Chase, John Sawyer, John Page, Nathan Breed, Enoch Gove, and Ichabod Nichols, to take the subject into consideration and render said meeting such advice & assistance in this respect as may appear necessary, and report to our next Quarterly meeting.

The Treasurer of this meeting is directed to pay our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock to the Treasurer of that meeting.

Weare monthly meeting informs that they are united in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Alice Page; which, after a time of solid consideration, was approved by this and the women's Quarterly Meetg, and the Clerk is directed to give the necessary information.-

The business being closed at this time, we conclude, purposing to meet again at Lynn, at the usual time in the 8th. month next.

Signed by direction of the meeting.
Samuel Boyce. Assistant Clk.

Summary,

Ans. 1. All our meetings for religious worship & discipline have been attended; those on first-days by most Friends, but those in the middle of the week are still much neglected by many, both for worship and discipline.- The hour observed by most. Generally preserved from unbecoming behavior, except a few instances of sleeping & some care taken.-

2d.- Love & unity are in good measure maintained amongst us, yet a deficiency herein is apparent with some.— Care prevails with most to guard against detraction.— Endeavors have been used to end differences when they have appeared.— (3d.) We think there is a care with most Friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech, behavior, & apparel, & to restrain them agreeably to the requisitions of this Query; & endeavor to be good examples herein themselves; yet it is manifest there is a great departure from the simplicity of our profession in these respects.— We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in our families. (4th.) We believe that Friends are generally careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except for medicine, & the unnecessary frequenting of taverns & other places of public resort; yet we have noticed a very few exceptions in these particulars; moderation & temperance observed on account of births, marriages, burials, & other occasions. (5th.) Care is taken in these respects. (6th.) Careful in these respects except two instances of disorderly marriages, & a few instances of keeping company with those not of our Society on account of marriage; on which account some care has been taken. (7th.) We know of no violation of our testimony herein except a few instances of a military nature in one of our Monthly Meetings. (8th) Most Friends are careful to inspect their affairs & settle their accounts, & are punctual to their promises & just in the payment of their debts, & careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances; yet instances of falling short herein have occurred. (9th.) Marriages all recorded; Births & deaths more neglected; A few instances of removal without certificates. (10th) We endeavor to deal with offenders in a good degree as queried after, yet we are sensible of falling short in the full discharge of this important duty. Judgment has been placed according to discipline.

1839. At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends,
8 mo: held at Lynn, 15th of 8th Month 1839.—

Accounts are received from our several Monthly Meetings and the Representatives are,

Represent^s For Salem.— Enoch Page, Abijah Chase, James Oliver, Estes Newhall, James Purinton, & Nathan Page.

For Seabrook.— Newell Ordway, William Rogers, Edward Gove, and John Folsom.

For Weare. Daniel Buxton, John Sawyer, Nathan G. Chase Jr. and Daniel Gove 2.

who are all present.

The time having expired for which the Clerks [illegible] were appointed, the Representatives have proposed John Sawyer for Clerk and Samuel Boyce for Assistant, which meeting the approbation of the meeting, they are appointed to these services for one year.

Our Esteemed Friend Joseph Edgerton attended [illegible] this meeting with a certificate from Somerset Monthly Meeting Belmont Co. Ohio held 25th of 2nd month 1839 endorsed by Stillwater Quarterly Meeting held 27th of the same month, informing that he is a minister in unity with them and expressive of their concurrence with hi in his prospect of a religious visit amongst us.— His company and religious services have been acceptable and edifying.—

[illegible] Also our esteemed friend William Dewees, companion to Joseph Edgerton attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from Chesterfield Monthly Meeting, Athens Co. Ohio, held 16th of 3rd month 1839, informing that he is an

Elder in that Meeting, and expressive of their unity with him in his prospect of accompanying Joseph Edgerton in his present religious engagement; His company has been acceptable to us.

The Queries with the required answers from our several Monthly Meetings have been read at this time.

The Committee appointed to advise with and assist Seabrook Monthly Meeting respecting the intrusions made upon their Meeting House-Yard in Seabrook inform that attention has been given to the subject; and it appearing probable that further advice may be needed the committee are continued.-

Our esteemed friend Elizabeth Robson, (from England) attended this meeting, with a certificate from Hardshaw-West Monthly Meeting, held 19th of 9th month 1838; endorsed by Lancashire Quarterly Meeting held 20th day of the same month; and a certificate from the morning meeting of ministers and elders held 5th of 11th month 1838. informing that she is a minister in good esteem among them, and expressive of their unity and sympathy with her in her prospect of another religious visit in this country.- Her company and religious services have been acceptable and edifying to us.

Our esteemed friend Thomas Robson, Husband and companion to Elizabeth Robson also attended this meeting, producing a Certificate from Hardshaw-West Monthly Meeting, England, held 27th of 12th month. 1838. informing that he is a member of that meeting and an Elder in good esteem. His company has been acceptable to us.—

Our esteemed friend Huldah Gifford attended this meeting with a certificate from Sandwich Monthly Meeting held 8th Month 2d 1839. informing that she is a minister in unity and expressive of their concurrence with her in her prospect of attending this Quarterly Meetin
Her company has been acceptable to us.—

The annual Report of our Yearly Meeting Boarding School Committee was received and read at this time as follows viz;

Extracts from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England held on Rhode Island, from the 16th to the 21st, inclusive, of the Sixth Month, 1839.

The Annual Report of the Boarding School Committee was received and read, and being satisfactory to the Meeting, the Clerk was directed to forwa copies thereof to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings, with the Circular of the Committee, issued in 183 thereto appended.

From the minutes of said Meeting;

Abraham Shearman, Jun. Clerk.

In again presenting their Annual Report to the Yearly Meeting the School Committee feel it right, notwithstanding some discouragements, gratefully to commemorate the mercy that has been extended to us, thro' which the various inmates of the Institution have been preserved in good health, and the School, we have cause to believe, has continued to be useful to those who have been placed in it.

Meetings for Divine worship have been regularly held in the house, except during the time of the vacations, and harmony we believe prevails. The average number of scholars during the past year has been seventy seven.

The late Superintendents of the School having resigned their trust we have engaged our friends Allen and Olive Wing to act in that capacity who have entered upon the discharge of their duties; and Jonathan L. Brown, Hannah Austin and Jane S. Reed are employed as Teachers in the Boys' School and Emmeline Aldrich and Elizabeth H. Osborne in the Girls'.

The Treasurer's and Superintendent's accounts have been settled, by which it appears that the debts of the Institution have been reduced during the past year, and that its present indebtedness is about two thousand dollars. For more particular information of the receipts and expenditures we refer to a copy of the Superintendent's account, herewith presented. In the present condition of the finances of the School we have not thought it proper to propose any change in the terms from the prices of last year — which are $ 33. per term, for members of this Yearly Meeting; $45 for those scholars who are not members, where one or both parents are members, and $50 for the members of other Yearly Meetings, payable in advance. Ten Dollars per term, additional charge, is made for instruction in the Languages. We have concluded to propose that stationary and books be furnished the children for their use in the School, free of expense, except such as are necessary

in the study of the higher branches, including Mathematics and th
[illegible] that may be supplied at their actual wholesale
cost.—

The income of the charitable fund will about support ten schol-
-ars, one term each, and Monthly Meetings that may desire to occ
the privilege are requested to make application to the Acting
School Committee in season for their admission at the commen-
-ment of the winter term, which this year will be on the Four
day of the eleventh month.

The division of the year into two terms with vacations has,
we think, proved salutary in practice, and the examination
at the close of each term has been interesting and useful; and
in order that it may not be interrupted during its prog
we desire that no child may be withdrawn from the Scho
until it is completed which it is intended shall take place on
fifth day of the last week of the term; so that children w
be ready to leave on sixth day morning of that week.

The observance of plainness of speech, behaviour and appa-
-el, among the inmates of the Institution, has continued to cla
our very serious attention, and we have labored for the main-
-nance of the ancient testimonies of our Society in these respects.
We have believed that usefulness might result from again
forwarding the accompanying Circular, issued in 1835,* to
the several meetings of Friends; and the various Committees
of the Monthly Meetings in recommending scholars to the
School, as well as parents and guardians, are earnestly requested
to exercise a care that the provisions therein contained are
faithfully observed.—

* See copy of Circular on Page 85.

We also think it right to remind Friends of the established regulation of the School, that none are admitted into the male department, over fourteen years of age, who have not previously received permission from the Sub-Committee, which meets at the School House in Providence on third day preceding the first fifth day in every month.—

On behalf and by direction of the School Committee,

Samuel Boyd Tobey, Clerk.

Boarding School 3d. of 5th. month, 1839.

We have also received the following Epistle of advice from our Yearly Meeting to its subordinate meetings;

"Being again permitted to meet in our annual assembly, our dear absent Friends have been affectionately brought to our remembrance, and we have been desirous that they might be partakers to some extent with us, in the exercises and interesting concerns that have claimed our attention.—

Our meeting has been large and solemn; and we have had cause reverently to acknowledge that the wing of ancient Goodness has been in a measure mercifully over us, and under its covering we have been enabled to conduct the concerns of the Church, that have come before us, in much brotherly love— to the Lord be the praise. We have had the acceptable company of several dear Friends from other Yearly Meetings, who have laboured to our comfort and edification.—

By the Answers to the Queries, it appears that there are many deficiences within our borders, and we have been brought earnestly to desire that there may be an increased concern among our members individually, faithfully to labour for their removal. A neglect of attending meetings for divine worship, particularly in the middle of the week, and a want of love and unity are among the painful deficiencies that are brought into view. Love to God and love to man—on these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

When we remember our dependence upon Almighty God; when we reflect that every blessing that we enjoy both temporal and spiritual proceedeth from Him; that all things were formed and are still sustained by the word of His Power; that it is of His mercy that we are not consumed; how can we neglect the reasonable service of assembling ourselves together to worship Him? And how, beloved Friends, can we put up our petition to Him, that He will be pleased to forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, while we continue to harbour in our hearts unkind feelings towards a brother?

If we are wanting in these two most essential qualifications of the christian_love to God and love to man,—it is in vain for us to attempt to support availingly, any of our religious principles and testimonies; and we have been renewedly made sensible that a deficiency herein has led to the other departures that have been brought to our notice. us, dear Friends, scrupulously examine ourselves and know the condition of our hearts in this respect.—

Among the failures in duly maintaining our religious testimonies we notice with sorrow, some of a military nature. The faithful support of our religious views of the peaceable nature of the Gospel of Christ has been felt by us at this time to be of great weight. We believe that our predecessors in religious faith had their minds divinely illuminated to understand the teachings of Christ and his Apostles on this subject; and that it is our duty to endeavour to come up faithfully in their footsteps. There are, as we apprehend, errors on either hand on this important doctrine; but we earnestly crave for our members that they may be preserved on the ancient, christian ground of our religious Society; believing that they will find this to be practical and safe ground for them to stand upon.

It is a day, beloved Friends, when the eyes of the people are much turned towards us; and we have ardently coveted that our Light might so shine before men that they seeing our good works may glorify our Father who is in Heaven.

The doctrine of the necessity of the immediate, qualifying power of the Holy Spirit in order for the discharge of religious duty, has ever been a fundamental principle of our Society, and must continue to be acknowledged by all faithful Friends as being necessary for us practically to receive. Our testimonies against War, Oaths, Slavery, &c. are religious testimonies; and we believe we can only succeſsfully plead them before the world or effectively enforce them upon others, as we receive this Heavenly qualification from the Great Head of the Church.

This Meeting has been introduced into much concern that our members may be preserved from attempting in their own time and strength to do the work of the Lord. Remember the declaration of the dear Redeemer — "My time is not yet come; but your time is always ready". And we have

15.9 been led to fear that in associating with others who do not acknow-
8th. 11th. edge, as we do, the need of this immediate, divine qualification in order for the performance of religious duties, we are in great danger of neglecting this fundamental principle, and of at[illegible] and thus lose that ability to labour successfully in the Lord's cause which He is pleased graciously to vouchsafe to those whom He calls into His service. And under this feeling of concern we believe it right for us tenderly to persuade our dear Friends to avoid mingling with the various associations of the day for the support of those Christian testimonies which our Society has peculiarly felt itself called upon to bear before the world; but keeping together as a religious body, in [illegible] upon Him for His assistance, we may yet trust, in the Lord's own good time, to be in some measure the humble instruments in His [illegible] heavenly will.

Oh! dear Friends, let us be engaged to watch unto prayer; let us gather home in the spirits of our minds unto the Great Shepherd and Bishop of souls, and reverently wait upon Him; that we may be preserved from the spirit, the maxims and the policy of the world that leads unto death. May we be favoured to abide in Christ — "As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself except it abide in the vine; no more can ye except ye abide in me." And now, beloved Friends, farewell. We desire that in simple faith we may commit ourselves into the preserving hand of Him "who is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy — to whom be glory and majesty, dominion and power forever." -

Signed by direction, and on behalf of our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, held on Rhode-Island, from the 16th to the 21st of the Sixth Month, inclusive, 1839.

Abraham Shearman, Jun. Clerk.
Hannah Goulds, Jun. Clerk.

And the contents thereof are earnestly recommended to the serious consideration of all our members.

The following extract from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting was also received at this time. viz.

At New-England Yearly Meeting, held in the 6th Mo. 1839. It was concluded to raise thirteen hundred Dollars for the use and service of this Meeting, for the year ensuing; — and our several Quarterly Meetings were requested to forward their respective proportions of this sum to our Treasurer.

From the minutes of said Meeting,

Abraham Shearman, jun. Clerk.

Salem Quarterly Meeting's proportion is one hundred sixty-two 50/100 Dollars.

Our Monthly Meetings are requested to pay their respective proportions of the sum named to the Treasurer of this Quarterly Meeting. Salem Monthly Meeting's proportion is 40 pr. cent, Weare 40 pr. ct. and Seabrook 20 pr. cent. -

The representatives to our last Yearly Meeting inform they all attended.

The Clerk was directed to furnish our Friends Joseph Edgerton and Companion and Huldah Giffords with copies of the minutes made on their account.

The business being closed at this time we conclude purposing to meet again at Weare in the 10th. Month next.

Signed on behalf of the meeting
John Sawyer. Clerk.

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Weare, 7th. of 10th. Month. 1857.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named are;

For Salem, John Buxton, Nathan Breed, Estes Newhall, Jonathan Nichols, Nathan Page and Enoch Page.

For Seabrook, William B. Thompson, Jonathan Miller, and Jonathan Beede.

For Weare, Daniel Gove 2d. Herod Chase, Nathan Breed, and Moses Greene,

who are all present.

The Queries with the required answers from our several Monthly Meetings have been read at this time.

Our esteemed friends Thomas and Elizabeth Robson who were present at our last Quarterly Meeting are again acceptably with us at the present time.

The Committee to advise with, and assist Seabrook Monthly Meeting respecting the intrusions made upon their [illegible] used in [illegible] are continued.

The business being closed at this time, we

conclude; purposing to meet again at Salem in the First 1839
month next. 10th Mo.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,
John Sawyer. Clerk.—

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, 1839
held at Salem, 16th of 1st Month. 1839.—

The Representatives from our several Monthly Meetings are;— For Salem;— Estes Newhall, Charles Chase, David Rodman, Solomon Varney, Micajah C. Pratt and Ichabod Nichols.

For Seabrook; Owen C. Rowe; Jonathan Budee; Edward Gove and Nathan Hanson,

For Weare,— Moses Green, Daniel Buxton, and Joshua Page;

who are all present.

Our esteemed Friend John Wilbur attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from South Kingston Monthly Meeting held 25th of the 11th Month last, informing that he is a member of that meeting and a minister in unity, and expressive of their concurrence with him in his present religious engagement. His company and religious services have been acceptable and edifying to us.

The Queries with the required answers from our several Monthly Meetings have been read at this time.

The committee to advise with and assists Seabrook Monthly Meeting respecting the intrusions made upon their meeting house yards in Seabrook are continued.—

We have received at this time about 420 Copies of the London printed Epistle for last year; One of which has been read to our satisfaction and encouragement. And the Clerk is directed to divide them between our several Monthly Meetings according to their usual apportionment.

The women inform that Mary S. Gove has appealed from the judgment of Weare Monthly Meeting to this Quarterly Meeting: whereupon we appoint Enoch Page, Jonathan Beede, David Ridman, Jehiel Nichols, Charles Chase, Robert Brown, and Micajah C. Pratt to unite with a Committee from the women's meeting and to take up the subject according to discipline, and report their views upon the case at our next Quarterly Meeting.

The business being closed at this time we conclude, purposing to meet again at Seabrook, at the usual time in the 5th Month next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,
Samuel Boyce. Assistant Clerk.

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Seabrook 28th of 5th Month 1840.—

By accounts received from our Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are;

For Salem;— Charles Chase, Micajah C. Pratt, Benedict Nichols, Nathan Breed and Jonathan Nichols.

For Seabrook;— David Dow, William Rogers, James Squires, and Robert Brown.

For Weare;— Daniel Gove 2d, Enoch Breed, and Nathan G. Chase Jr.

who are all present.

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers thereto; from which a summary is prepared for the Yearly Meeting to be held on Rhode-Island in the 6th Mo. next; and Enoch Breed, Nathan Breed of Lynn, Samuel Boyce, Moses Huntington Jr., Jonathan Nichols, Nathan Page, and Jonathan Beede are appointed to attend said meeting as Representatives.

The Committee to advise with and assist Seabrook Monthly Meeting, respecting the intrusions made upon their Meeting house-yard in Seabrook are continued.

The Committee appointed to unite with the women in considering the subject of the appeal from Weare Monthly Meeting of Mary S. Gove, inform that attention has been given to the case; but not being prepared to report at this time they are continued.

Seabrook Monthly Meeting inform that they are united in approving the public appearances in the ministry of

Moses Huntington Jr. — which after a time of solid deliberation is approved by this and the Women's Quarterly Meeting; and the Clerk is directed to give the necessary information.

We have received at this time from our meeting for Sufferings copies of the Declaration of the views of our society upon Church and Civil Government, which the Clerk is directed to place upon file — and the meeting is now informed that copies thereof have been received by all our Monthly Meetings.

The Treasurer of this meeting is directed to pay our proportion of Yearly Meeting stock to the Treasurer of that Meeting.

A report from this to our next Yearly Meeting being prepared and read, the Clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of this meeting.

The Clerk is directed to forward to John Wilbur a copy of the minute made on his account in the 1st Month last and sign it on behalf of this meeting.

The business being closed at this time we conclude, purposing to meet again at Lynn at the usual time in the Eighth month next. —

Signed on behalf of the meeting,

Samuel Boyce Assistant Clerk.

Summary.

1st All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended except one small meeting which was omitted to be held in one instance in the winter on account of the difficulty of travelling. — On first days they have generally been attended by most of our members; but a considerable number continue to neglect mid-week meetings; and one of our Monthly Meetgs. informs that a few seldom meet with them neither at their meetings for worship nor discipline. — The hour generally observed — mostly clear of unbecoming behaviour except some appearances of sleeping, on account of which some care has been taken.—

2. — Love and unity are in good measure maintained by most, while a deficiency is apparent with some. We believe there is a care with most to guard against detraction; and where differences have arisen endeavours have been used to end them.

3d. — We think there is a care with most Friends, with regard to plainness, yet much deficiency is apparent in this respect. There is a care also among Friends to guard against pernicious reading and corrupt conversation and to be exemplary therein, [illegible] we are sensible of falling short in these respects.

We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in our families. —

4th Friends appear to be careful in the several parts of this Query, with a few exceptions respecting the use of ardent spirits and frequenting places of diversion; in which some care has been extended.

5th Care is taken in these respects, except a few instances in ne monthly meeting of placing children out [illegible] friends.

6th. Generally careful in these respects except a few instances of keeping company and marrying contrary to our discipline; on which account, some care has been taken.

7th.— Clear in the several parts of this query, except a few instances of bearing arms and attending trainings as spectators, on which account care has been taken.

8th.— Careful in the several particulars of this query. except two or three instances of neglecting the settlement of accounts, and payment of debts, most friends are careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th. Marriages duly recorded. Births and deaths not fully so. A few instances of removal without certificates.

10th. Care is taken to deal with offenders, we trust in good measure as queried after; yet we are sensible of weakness, and at times delay, in the discharge of this important duty.—

[illegible] according to discipline.

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Lynn 20th of 8th Month. 1840.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are,

For Salem. – Charles Chase, Estes Newhall, Ichabod Nichols. Humphrey S. Johnson, Moses Breed, Nathan Page and Enoch Page.

For Seabrook. – Sewell Ordway, Jonathan Beede and William Rogers.

For Weare. – John Page, Daniel Cove 2d. Moses Green, Daniel Buxton and John Presby, who are all present. –

The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed; the representatives, propose Samuel Boyce for Clerk and William H. Chase for Assistant; which being approved they are accordingly appointed to that service for one year. –

The Queries have been read at this time with the required answers from our several Monthly Meetings.

The committee to advise with and assist Seabrook Monthly Meeting respecting the intrusions made upon their meeting house yard in Seabrook, inform that attention has been given to the case, and it appearing probable that further care may be necessary, the committee are continued, and are authorized to render that monthly meeting such further advice and assistance as may in their judgment appear necessary. –

The committee to unite with the women in considering the appeal from the judgment of Weare Monthly Meeting of Mary S. Gove have at this time presented a report; which after a time of deliberation thereon is deferred untill our next Quarterly Meeting for further consideration.

We have at this time received from our meeting for Sufferings about 530 copies of the London printed Epistle for the present year; and the Clerk is directed to divide them between our monthly meetings according to the usual apportionment

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting are received at this time as follows, viz.

"At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, held in 6th Month 1846.

It was concluded to raise twelve hundred dollars for the service of the ensuing year; and our several Quarterly Meetings were requested to forward their respective proportions of that sum, to David Buffum, the Treasurer of this Meeting.

Salem Quarterly Meeting's proportion is one hundred and fifty dollars.

From the minutes of said Meeting,

Abm. Shearman, jun. Clerk."

And our Monthly Meetings are requested to pay their respective proportions thereof to the Treasurer of this meeting — Salem Monthly Meeting's proportion will be $ 80. Weare $ 40. and Seabrook $ 30.

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting containing the report of our Boarding School committee are received at this time as follows, viz. —

Extracts from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, held on Rhode Island, from the 14th to the 19th inclusive, of the Sixth Month. 1840.–

The Annual Report of the Committee having the superintendence of the Boarding School, under the care of this Meeting, was produced and read, and being satisfactory to Friends the Clerk was directed to forward copies thereof to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

From the Minutes of said Meeting,

Abrm. Shearman, jun. Clerk.

To the Yearly Meeting.

The School Committee report, That they have endeavoured during the past year to attend to the service to which they were appointed by the Yearly Meeting. The average number of Scholars, for the year, has been eighty six; for the past term, one hundred and eighteen. Meetings for divine worship have been regularly held in the house, except during the vacations; and harmony has prevailed.

Our Friends Allen and Olive Wing continue to serve acceptably as Superintendents. Samuel Austin and Pliny Chase are employed as Teachers in the male department, and Emmeline Aldrich and Elizabeth Osborne in the female School. Jonathan L. Slocum has been engaged in the Institution as a Teacher during the past year, and Charles F. Coffin, jun. and Sarah F. Brown as assistant Teachers during the last term. George F. Read continues to give instruction in the Languages, and to have charge of the accounts.

The Treasurer's and Superintendent's accounts have been examined and settled; by which it appears that the income of the School has exceeded it expenditures by $3,444.51 by which we are enabled to liquidate the debts of the Institution reported last year, and leave in the Treasury a balance of $1.136.84.— We do not think it expedient, however to propose to the Yearly Meeting any considerable reduction in the terms of the admission of scholars, as the situation of the house and premises is such that a pretty large expenditure will soon be required for repairs and improvements. For details of the receipts and expenses we refer to a copy of the Superintendent's account, herewith forwarded.—

Ten scholars have enjoyed the privilege of the charitable fund the last term and the same number may be received for the next winter term; and monthly meetings are requested to forward their applications for this privilege, by the time of the meeting of the Sub Committee on the 29th of 9th month next.—

We would propose that the price per term, for admission of members of this Yearly Meeting, be $30, commencing with the ensuing winter term: for those who are not members, one or both of whose parents are members, (should any such by direction of the Yearly Meeting be received) be continued at $45; and for members of other Yearly Meetings $50; and that $10 per term additional charge should still be made for instruction in the Languages. Stationary and books, (except such as are required for the study of the higher branches of Mathematics and the Languages) we would propose, should continue to be furnished at the expense of the Institution.

In the discharge of the duties that have devolved upon us in the direction of the concerns of the School, we have been desirous, to keep steadily in view the original design of Friends in its establishment; viz. "the imparting to the youth of our Society, a religious, guarded education, free from the contaminating influences of the world." While situated in this Institution we feel that parents have a right to expect that their children will be in good degree preserved from the hurtful things that abound in the world; that their tender minds will not receive impressions calculated to lessen their attachment either to the principles of our religious Society, or to the testimonies founded upon them. The press at the present day teems with publications, many of which are such as concerned parents would be unwilling should be placed within the reach of their children; and to maintain our Christian discipline, by restraining, so far as we are able, "from the reading of pernicious books," has appeared to us to be an important duty to be exercised by the Committee, and which we believe has rested with weight upon those who have been under this appointment, since the first establishment of the School. The time for which most of the pupils are placed in the Institution being limited, and necessarily mostly occupied in pursuing their regular studies, much opportunity is not afforded for general reading; and as the School is furnished with a valuable Library, consisting of not less than fifteen hundred volumes of well selected books, received principally from the bequests of our late beloved Friends

Moses and Obadiah Brown, to which the children have free access, we thought it proper in the 11th month last, after carefully considering what books and publications it was best to use and receive in the School, to adopt the following regulation, viz. "Believing that the Library of this Institution, together with the books and periodicals that have already been approved by this Committee, will afford the means for as great a variety of reading as the time and best interests of the scholars will require, it is our judgment that it is not expedient to extend the number at the present time; but that any books or publications brought by the scholars, or sent to them, be laid aside and preserved for them until they leave the School; or, if deemed best by the Superintendents, forwarded to their parents or guardians." While by adhering to this rule, we are aware that many writings are excluded with which we have no controversy, yet with the exercise of a sufficient liberality on the part of the Committee in the admission of those that will be likely to be productive of usefulness, we apprehend its adoption will not be deemed oppressive; but we trust it will prove a relief and satisfaction to many parents in different sections of the Yearly Meeting, who wish to place their children in the School.

During the past year, with the exception of the latter part of the last term, when the measles prevailed extensively but mildly in the house, the various inmates of the family have been favored with the enjoyment of nearly uninterrupted good health; which mercy, among the many we have received, calls for gratitude to Him from whom cometh all our blessings.

On behalf and by direction of the School Committee
Samuel Boyd Tobey, Clerk.
Boarding School, 5th. mo. 8th. 1840.

The representatives to our last Yearly Meeting inform they all attended.

The business being closed at this time we conclude; purposing to meet again in Weare at the usual time in the 10th. Month next.—

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.
Samuel Boyce, Clerk.

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Weare 15th. & 16th. Month 1840.—

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are, For Salem.— Estes Newhall, Jonathan Nichols, Micajah C. Pratt, Enoch Page and Nathan Breed,

For Seabrook. William B. Thompson, Newell Ordway, and Daniel Beede.

For Weare.— Moses Greene, Josiah Gove, Nathan Sawyer of Henniker, Nathan Breed and Thomas W. Thorndike who are all present.—

The Queries with the required answers from our Monthly Meetings have been read at this time.

The committee to advise with and assist Seabrook Monthly Meeting respecting the intrusions made upon their meeting house yard in Seabrook, presented the following report viz.

" Pursuant to our appointment we have met and consulted with the committee from Seabrook Monthly Meeting respecting the intrusions made upon their meeting house yard in Seabrook; a part of the committee have been upon the premises, and upon consideration we would propose that the southern part of the yard should be enclosed by a good and substantial fence, running on the front northerly to the corner bounds of the old burying ground, measuring about nine rods; and the same distance on the rear line of the yard; and considering the small number of Friends belonging to Seabrook particular meeting, we would recommend that it be done at the expense of the Quarterly Meeting.

Weare. 10. mo. 14 th. 1840..

Estes Peckhall.
Abijah Chase.
Nathan Breed.
Enoch Dove.
Micajah C. Pratt.
John Page.
N. G. Chase Jr.
Samuel Boyce.

which being approved by this meeting is accepted; and the committee are continued and authorized in conjunction with friends of Seabrook Monthly Meeting, to enclose the yard according to the proposition contained in the report; and the

Treasurer of this meeting is directed to pay the expense thereof when in funds.

The report of the joint committee in the case of Mary S. Gove, which was deferred from our last Quarterly Meeting for further consideration, again claiming our deliberation, was at this time accepted; and the judgment of Weare Monthly meeting accordingly confirmed.-

Our esteemed friend Nathan Page informed this meeting that he had a prospect of attending Ferrisburg Quarterly meeting, and some meetings within its limits, agreeably with a copy of a minute granted him by Salem Monthly Meeting; which being approved the Clerk is directed to endorse this minute upon the extract granted him by that monthly meeting and sign it on our behalf.

The London printed Epistle for the present year has been read at this time to our satisfaction.

The business being closed, we conclude purposing to meet again in Salem at the usual time in the 1st month next.-

Signed on behalf of the meeting,

Samuel Boyce, Clerk.

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Salem 21st. of 1st. Month 1841.

By accounts received from our Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are,

For Salem.. Micajah C. Pratt, Charles Chase, William Chase, Jonathan Nichols and Nathan Breed.

For Seabrook.– Robert Brown, Joel H. Davis, Jonathan Beede, and William B. Thompson.

For Weare.. Nathan Breed, Abijah Johnson, Johnson Gove, and John Pusly; who are all present but one.

The Queries with the required answers from our several monthly meetings have been read at this time.

Our esteemed Friend Lindley M. Hoag attended this meeting, with a certificate from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, (N. H.) informing that he is a minister in unity, and expressive of their approbation with him in his prospect of a religious visit amongst us: his company and religious services have been acceptable and edifying.

Our esteemed friend Susan Howland attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from New Bedford Monthly Meeting informing that she is a minister in unity, and expressive of their approbation with her in the prospect of a religious visit in this Quarterly Meeting; her company and religious services have been acceptable and edifying.

Our esteemed friend Ann D. Wing attended this meeting with a certificate from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, (Mass.) informing that she is a minister in unity, and expressive of their concurrence with her in her prospect of a religious visit amongst us. Her company and religious services have been acceptable and edifying.

Our Esteemed Friend Huldah B. Hoag, wife of Lindley M. Hoag attended this meeting with a certificate from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, (N. H.) informing that she is a minister in unity; and expressive of their concurrence with her in her prospect of a religious visit amongst us; her company and religious services have been acceptable and edifying.

The Clerk was directed to furnish our friends Lindley M. Hoag and wife and Susan Howland with copies of the minutes made in relation to their services and sign them on behalf of this meeting.

The committee to have the care of enclosing a part of the meeting house yard in Seabrook, inform that attention has been given thereto; but not being prepared to make a full report; they are continued.-

Weare Monthly Meeting informs that they have discontinued the meeting which has been held at Concord.-

The business being closed at this time, we conclude; purposing to meet again in Seabrook at the usual time in the 5th. Month next.-

Signed in behalf of the meeting,

Samuel Boyce. Clerk.-

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Seabrook 27th. of 5th. Month 1841.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are;—

For Salem.— Micajah C. Pratt, Ichabod Nichols, Abijah Chase, Enoch Page, Estes Newhall and Charles Cha

For Seabrook.— David Dow, Jonathan Beede, Edward Gove, Robert Brown and Josiah C. Challis.

For Weare.— Moses Green, Ephraim Leighton, and Abijah Johnson who are present.—

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers thereto; from which a summary is prepared for the Yearly Meeting to be held on Rhode-Island in the 6th. Month next; and Enoch Hunt, Estes Newhall, Robert Brown, Enoch Page, David Dow, & Samuel Boyce are appointed to attend said meeting as representatives.

The Committee to have the care of enclosing a part of the meeting house yard in Seabrook presented the following report; viz.

"Pursuant to our appointment we have enclosed the Meeting House yard in Seabrook with a good and substantial fence agreeably with the directions given us by the Quarterly meeting in the 10 mo. last the expense of which amounts as pr. bill herewith presented, to $ 78„10.

Signed on behalf of the Committee; Estes Newhall.

Samuel Boyce.

Micajah C. Pratt.

Seabrook 27th. of 5th. mo. 1841. Abijah Chase.

which being satisfactory to the meeting is accepted; and our Monthly Meetings are requested to pay their proportions of the sum which has been expended to the Treasurer of this meeting according to the usual apportionments.

Our Treasurer is directed to pay our proportion of Yearly Meeting stock to the Treasurer of that meeting.

The importance of maintaining a faithful testimony against Slavery and the Slave trade, claiming the attention of this meeting; after a time of consideration thereon, it was concluded to suggest to our next Yearly Meeting the expediency of its taking some further measures should it think it advisable; relative to the circulation of information respecting this iniquitous system.

A returning minute in behalf of our Friend Ann D. Wing being read and approved, the Clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of this meeting.

The business being closed at this time we conclude purposing to meet again at Lynn in the 8th Month next.

Signed in behalf of the meeting.
Samuel Boyce, Clerk.

Summary.

Ans. 1st — All our meetings have been attended; those on first days generally by nearly all our members: Some of our midweek meetings continue to be small, while our Monthly meetings they appear to be more fully attended. — Most Friends are care-ful to [illegible] in time, [illegible] more care would be desirable.— Unbecoming behaviour generally guarded against except a few instances of sleeping; but we believe an increased care prevails with some, to guard against this [illegible].

2d.— We believe there is a care with most to maintain love and unity, while with some they are much wanting; also to guard against detraction; yet more watchfulness herein is necessary. When differences [illegible] endeavours [illegible]

3d.— We believe there is a care with most friends to bring up those under their direction, in plainness, and to restrain them from reading pernicious books, and from corrupt conversation; and that they are exemplary herein themselves; yet we are sensible that there is a falling short with many in these respects.— We think the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in nearly all our families.

4th.— We believe friends are careful in these respects with a few exceptions, and some care taken.—

5th.— Care is taken in these respects.

6th.— Careful in these respects, except a few instances of keeping company out of society, on account of marriage, some care has been taken,— and two instances of marrying out, one of which is under notice.

7th.— We know of no violation of our testimony in these respects, except that a few have joined in public processions where military movements were in some measure connected, and one case of a military nature, where care has been taken.

8th.— Friends are generally careful in the several particulars of this query, although there are a few instances of falling short herein.—

9th — Marriages all recorded; births, deaths and burials sometimes neglected; a few instances of removals without certificates. —

10th — Care has been taken to deal with offenders in most cases as occasion has called for, and altho' not always so seasonably as would have been best; in good measure as queried after. — Judgment has been placed according to discipline. —

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Lynn 19th of 8 mo. 1841 —

By accounts received from our several monthly meetings the representatives therein named are —

For Salem, Nathan Page, Charles Chase, Jonathan Nichols, Estes Newhall, & Nathan Breed;
For Seabrook, James Squiers, Robert Brown, Eli Beede, & Ezekiel Jones;
For Weare, Daniel Gove 2nd Moses Greene, Daniel Buxton & Thomas W. Thorndike —
who are all present but one —

The time having expired for which the clerks were appointed, the representatives have proposed Samuel Boyce for Clerk, & William H Chase for assistant; which being approved they are accordingly appointed to that service for one year —

Our Esteemed Friends Samuel Gifford from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, Eli Jones from China Monthly Meeting, Huldah Hoag from Ferrisburg Monthly Meeting, and Anna A. Jenkins from Providence Monthly Meeting, are at this time with us, & have produced minutes of concurrence from the respective meetings of which they are members; Their company & religious services have been acceptable to us —

Our Esteemed Friends Phebe C. Haines from Redstone monthly meeting Penn.a, and Mary Macy from Nantucket monthly meeting are also with us & have produced minutes of concurrence from the respective meetings of which they are members, informing that they are ministers in unity; Their company has been acceptable to us —

We have also the company of our friends Eli Haynes, from Red Stone monthly meeting, husband & companion to Phebe C. Haines; & of Prince Gardiner & Rachael Gardiner, from Nantucket Monthly Meeting, companions to Mary Macy on whose behalf minutes of concurrence have been read — Their company has been acceptable to us —

The Queries have been read at this time with the required answers from our monthly meetings —

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting together with the report of our Boarding School Committee were received at this time as follows — viz —

"Extracts —

From the minutes of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island from the 13th. to the 17th, inclusive, of the 6 mo. 1841 —

The annual report of the committee having the superintendence of the Boarding School was produced & read and being satisfactory to the meeting, the Clerk was directed to forward copies thereof to our several Quarterly & monthly meetings; and friends were desired to give their attention to the suggestions of the committee with regard to the admission of Scholars — From the minutes of said meeting.

A Sherman Jun. Clerk

To the Yearly Meeting —

The committee appointed to superintend the various concerns of the Boarding School, Report; That they have endeavoured during the past year, to attend to the important trust confided to them by the Yearly meeting —

The average number of Scholars in the Institution has been Eighty Five — Meetings for worship have been regularly held in the house, except during the vacations; and harmony we believe, has prevailed —

Our friends Allen & Olive Wing continue to occupy the place of Superintendents acceptably to us — Samuel Austin & Joseph W. Aldrich are employed as teachers in the boys school, & Emmeline Aldrich & Rebecca Chipman in the Girls' — George F. Read continues to have Charge of the books & to instruct in the languages — Pliny E. Chase has been employed as a teacher during the past year and Charles H. Nichols, Elizabeth H. Osborne and Lydia Earle each one term —

The Treasurer's & Superintendent's accounts have been examined & settled, by which it appears that the income of the school has exceeded the expenditures by $ 1066,31 cts, & that there is now a balance in the Treasury of $ 2203,15 cts —

Twenty Two Hundred & Twenty Dollars and Seventee cts. have been expended in various repairs on the buildings & furniture for the house; and as many additional repairs and improvements are required about the house & farm, we do not consider it expedient to propose any change in the price of admission from that of last year, viz. 30 Dollars per term for members of this Yearly Meeting; 45 Dollars, for those who are not members, one or both of whose parents are members; and 50 Dolls for members of our society of other Yearly meetings; Books & Stationary to continue to be furnished as at present — We herewith forward a copy of the Superintendents account, for the information of the Yearly meeting —

While the committee believe that manifest advantage has resulted from the division of the year into terms, they are sensible it has not been so fully realized as is desirable from the circumstance that many scholars have entered for a less time than one term and at different periods in it; While we are aware there may be cases in which parents may desire to place their children in the schoo for only three months, and we would not wish to deny this privilege when circumstances seem to forbid their remaining through a whole term, yet we hope these applications will not be frequent; and we believe that the good of all requires in future in such cases, the scholars shall enter at the commencement or the middle of the term —

Inconvenience has sometimes arisen from a neglect of the observance of the regulation adopted by the Yearly meeting at the establishment of the School, that for all males over fourteen years of age, the consent of the sub-committee must be obtained, to their entrance, previously to their coming to the school, & for the future we would propose that this rule should be strictly adhered to. It will be remembered that the Subcommittee meets at the Institution on third day before the first fifth day in every month.

Ten Scholars have enjoyed the benefit of the charitable fund during the past term; and the same number may receive the privelege the ensuing winter session; and monthly meetings are requested, to forward their applications at or before the time of the meeting of the Sub-Committee on the fifth of the tenth month —

An examination of the School has taken place at the close of each term, in the presence of Special Committees appointed for that purpose, & their reports of the proficiency of the pupils and the general condition of the school, have been satisfactory to us — In the one presented at this time, after refering to the satisfaction derived from the visit, the committee proceed to state, that "the correctness of the recitations of the children, and the readiness & knowledge manifested in the various studies to which they have given their attention, evinced a commendable degree of industry & application on the part of the scholars, & of care & diligence on that of the teachers; and the general appearance of the schools, & the orderly deportment of the pupils while we were with them, received our approbation." We can but regret that the number of scholars is not larger than it has been for the past few years, believing as we do, that an opportunity is afforded in this Institution to obtain a useful education, in good measure guarded from the contaminating influences of the world; & we would desire that Friends might be encouraged to avail themselves of its benefits –

In conclusion we may state that the Family and Scholars, have been favoured with almost uninterrupted good health, during the past year; which, with the many other mercies graciously extended to us by Him who condescends still to care for us, calls for the tribute of grateful hearts –

On behalf & by direction of the Committee
Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk"

"Boarding School 5mo. 7th 1841 –

(The next winter term will commence on Second day 11mo. 1st – The next Summer term on Second day 5mo. 2 d. 1842)

"The meeting for Sufferings having published an edition of Memorials of deceased friends of this Yearly meeting, it was recommended to subordinate meetings to enter into subscriptions therefor, (at twenty five cts each) and the Clerks of monthly meetings were requested to forward to the Clerk of the meeting for Sufferings, an account of the number of copies called for in each meeting –

From the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting
A Shearman Junr Clerk"

"At our Yearly meeting of Friends for New England held in the 6mo. 1841 –

It was concluded to raise Thirteen Hundred

(Dollars for the service of the year ensuing), which our several Quarterly meetings were requested to forward to David Buffum, the Treasurer of this meeting in the usual proportions. From the minutes of said meeting.

Abrm Shearman Junr Clerk

Salem Quarterly Meetings proportion is one Hundred & Sixty two ($\frac{50}{100}$ Dollars" —

And our several monthly meetings are requested to forward their proportions of said sum to the Treasurer of this meeting according to the usual apportionment —

Salem monthly meetings proportion is 40 pr ct —
Weare " " " 40 pr ct —
Seabrook " " " 20 pr ct —

We have received at this time about 500 copies of the London printed Epistle for the present year, which we forward to our monthly meetings; One of them having been read at this time to our encouragement & edification —

The representatives to our last Yearly meeting inform they all attended —

The business being accomplished at this time we Conclude; purposing to meet again at Weare in the 10 mo. next —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Samuel Boyce Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of friends held at Weare 21st of 10 mo. 1841 —

By accounts recieved from our several monthly meetings the representatives therein named are —

For Salem, Jonathan Nichols, Nathan Breed, Enoch
Page, John Buxton Jr, Micajah C. Pratt
and Estes Newhall —
—— Seabrook, Nathan Hanson, Jonathan Miller,
Moses Huntington Jr, and Thomas Folsom —
—— Weare, Ephraim Leighton, Thomas W. Thorndike,
Johnson Gove & Nathan Sawyer of Henniker
who are all present —

Our Esteemed friend Samuel Boyd Tobey attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from Providence monthly meeting held 29th of 9 mo. 1841 informing that he is a minister in unity with them; & expressive of their approbation with him in his present engagement; His company & religious services have been to our comfort & edification — And the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of the above minute & sign it on our behalf —

Our Esteemed friend Phebe Taber attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from Starksboro monthly meeting held 10 mo 1. 1841 — Expressive of unity with her as a minister, and their approbation with her present engagement; Her company has been acceptable to us —

The Queries with the required answers from our several monthly meetings have been read at this time —

Weare monthly meeting informs that they are united in the appointment of Nathan G. Chase jr to the Station of an elder; which after a time of serious deliberation is united with by this meeting; But at the request of the women the subject is defered by them unto next Quarterly meeting for further Consideration —

Returning minutes for our friends Eli Jones & Samuel Gifford, being prepared & read at this time. the Clerk was directed to sign them on our behalf —

Returning minutes being also prepared for Huldah Hoag; Anna A Jenkins, Mary Macy & Rachael Gardiner, they were read & approved; & the Clerk was directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting —

A returning minute being also prepared for Prince Gardiner companion to Mary Macy, it was read & approved & the Clerk was directed to sign it on behalf of this meeting —

The business being closed at this time we conclude purposing to meet again in Salem in the first month next —

Signed on behalf of the meeting —
William H Chase by
Assistant Clerk —

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Salem 20th of 1mo 1842 –

By accounts received from our several monthly meetings the representatives therein named are –

In Salem, Daniel Johnson, Samuel P. Johnson, Jonathan Nichols, Estes Newhall, Ichabod Nichols, and Abijah Chase –

—— Seabrook, Robert Brown, Jonathan Beede & Edward Gove –

—— Weare, Ephraim Leighton, Johnson Gove, Nathan G. Chase Jr & Moses Sawyer; who are all present –

Our Esteemed Friend Amos Battey attended this meeting with a certificate from Starksboro monthly meeting Vermont, informing that he is a minister in unity, & expressive of their approbation with him in his present religious engagement; His company has been acceptable to us –

Also our Esteemed friend Nathan Douglas attended this meeting with a certificate from Durham monthly meeting, informing that he is a minister in unity & expressive of their concurrence with him in his present religious visit amongst us; His company & religious services have been acceptable. –

Our Esteemed Friend Jarvis Hoag companion to Amos Battey attended this meeting with a minute of approbation from Starksboro monthly meeting Vermont; his company has been acceptable to us –

Our Esteemed Friend Abagail M. Jones attended this meeting, with a copy of a minute from Dover monthly meeting, informing that she is a minister in unity & expressive of their concurrence with her in her present religious visit amongst us; Her company has been acceptable —

The Queries were read at this time, with the required answers thereto, from our several monthly meetings —

The appointment of Nathan G. Chase Jr to the station of an elder by Weare monthly meeting, which was defered untill this time for the further consideration of the women, is at this time united with by that meeting, & the clerk is directed to give the necessary information —

The business being closed at this time we conclude, purposing to meet again at Seabrook in the 5 mo. next —

Signed by direction of the meeting
Samuel Boyce
Clerk

At Salem Quarterly meeting of Friends held at Seabrook 26th of 5 mo. 1842 —

By accounts received from our several monthly meetings, the representatives therein named are;

For Salem, Matthew Purinton, Charles Chase,
Estes Newhall, Enoch Page, Nathan Breed,
Micajah C. Pratt & Abijah Chase;
—— Seabrook, Robert Brown, Jonathan Beede, William B. Thompson & William Rogers;
—— Weare, John Page, Enoch Gove, Nathan G. Chase Jr

and Daniel Page 3rd who are all present but one —

The Queries were read at this time & the answers thereto from our several monthly meetings, from which a summary is prepared for the Yearly meeting to be held on Rhode Island in the 6mo. next; and we appoint Jonathan Nichols, Nathan Breed of Lynn, John Page, Enoch Breed, Jonathan Beede, Enoch Page & Abijah Johnson, to attend said meeting as representatives —

Our Treasurer is directed to pay our proportion of Yearly meeting Stock to the Treasurer of that meeting —

Returning minutes for our friends Amos Battey, Nathan Douglas, & Jarvis Hoag being prepared & read, the clerk was directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting —

The womens meeting having prepared returning minutes four our friends Abagail M. Jones and Phebe C. Haines, the clerk was directed to sign them on our behalf —

As it is believed that benifit would result from altering the time of holding our Quarterly meeting in the 8mo. from the 11th to the 10th hour; it was concluded to make the proposition to our next yearly meeting for its approval —

The business being closed we conclude; purposing to meet again in Lynn in the 8mo. next —

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Wm H Chase
Assistant Clerk

Summary

Ans. 1. All our meetings for religious worship & discipline, are attended, & by most of our members on first days; but those in the middle of the week both for worship & discipline are much neglected by many. The hour generally observed. Mostly preserved from unbecoming behaviour, some instances of sleeping excepted; and some care taken —

Ans. 2. We believe there is a concern with most friends to maintain love & unity, yet we apprehend they continue to be wanting with a few. Detraction we believe is mostly guarded against, yet more watchfulness herein is necessary. When differences arise care is taken to end them —

Ans. 3. We believe most friends are careful to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech, behaviour, & apparel, & to restrain them from reading pernicious books, & from the corrupt conversation of the world, & are exemplary herein themselves; yet some are not so careful as truth requires. We think the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in our families —

Ans. 4th. We believe that friends with a few exceptions in which some care has been taken, avoid the use of spirituous liquors except for medicine; we know of no cause of complaint in the other parts of this Query —

Ans. 5th. Careful in these respects except one or two instances of minors, not placed with friends —

Ans. 6th. Careful in these respects except a few instan ces of keeping company on account of marriage with those not in membership with us —

Ans. 7th — One instance of paying priests wages, & a few instances of attending the meetings of an hired ministry, and some care taken. Also a few instances of a military nature. Careful in the other parts —

Ans. 8th — Most friends are careful in these respects; yet there are a few who do not punctually settle their accounts & pay their debts —

Ans. 9th Generally careful to receive; A few instances of removal without certificates —

Ans. 10th. Care has been taken to deal with offenders in some measure as here queried after; yet we are sensible of falling short in this important duty — We believe judgment has been placed according to discipline —

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Lynn 18th of 8mo. 1842 —

By accounts received from our several monthly meetings, the representatives therein named are;

For Salem, Ichabod Nichols, Charles Chase, Henry Chase Samuel P. Johnson, Jonathan Nichols, & Samuel Neal;

For Seabrook, Newell Ordway, Edward Gove & Jonathan Beede;

For Weare, Daniel Gove 2nd, Abijah Johnson, John Page Junr & Nathan Sawyer of Henniker; who being called are all present —

The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed, the representatives have proposed Samuel Boyce for Clerk, & William H. Chase for assistant; which nominations being severally approved, they are accordingly appointed to that service for one year —

The Queries have been read at this time with the required answers thereto from our monthly meetings —

The following extract from the minutes of our last yearly meeting was recieved at this time Viz —

"At New England Yearly Meeting held in the 6 mo. 1842 — The proposition from Salem Quarterly Meeting for changing the hour of holding their Quarterly meeting in the 8th month from the 11th to the 10th hour was united with by this & the women's meeting, and they allowed to hold said meeting as proposed; The alteration to take place next year —

From the Minutes of Said Meeting
Abraham Shearman Jun^r
Clerk"

And our Quarterly Meetings held in the 8mo. will in accordance therewith commence in future at the 10th hour in the morning —

Salem Monthly Meeting propose that their monthly & midweek meetings commence in future at the 10th hour in the morning; which recieving the approbation of this meeting, that monthly meeting is left at liberty to hold their meetings as proposed —

Extracts from the Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting containing the report of our boarding school committee Etc.

were received at this time as follows viz. —

"Extracts from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island from the 12th to the 16th inclusive, of the 6 mo. 1842. —

The annual report of the committee having the superintendence of the Boarding School under the care of this meeting was produced & read, & being satisfactory to friends the Clerk was directed to forward copies thereof to our several Quarterly & Monthly Meetings. From the minutes of said meeting, A. Shearman Jun.r Clerk

To the Yearly Meeting. —

The committee appointed to superintend the various concerns of the Boarding School, again report; That they have endeavoured during the past year to discharge the important duties confided to them by the Yearly Meeting. —

The average number of scholars during the year, has been seventy seven, & during the last term, one Hundred. Meetings for divine worship have been regularly held in the house, except during the vacations; & harmony has been preserved.

Our friends Allen & Olive Wing continue acceptably to occupy the station of superintendents. Samuel Austin, & Joseph W. Aldrich are employed as teachers in the boy's school, & Emmeline Aldrich, Elizabeth H. Lope, & Elizabeth J. Aldrich in the girls. In this arrangement provision is made for Emmeline Aldrich to be absent during most of the present term. George F. Read continues to act as book keeper & teacher of Languages. Charles F. Coffin Jun. Rebecca Chipman, & Annabella King have each been employed one term during the year.

The accounts of the Treasurer & Superintendant have been examined & settled, by which it appears that the income of the School has exceeded the expenditures by about 1600 Dollars. Some improvements have been made on the premises & buildings, & others are now in progress, & as much remains to be done which we deem important to the interests of the Institution, we have not thought it best at this time to propose any change, in the prices of admission from those of last year, viz: 30 Dolls per term for members of this Yearly Meeting; 45 Dolls per term for those who are not members of Society, one or both of whose parents are members, and 50 Dolls for members of other Yearly meetings. Books & Stationary to continue to be furnished as at present. We herewith forward a copy of the superintendants account for the information of the Yearly Meeting –

The charitable fund will support, for the present year, fourteen scholars, one term each, (there having been recieved since our last report, a balance of income heretofore due this fund) and monthly meetings are requested to forward their applications for this privelege, in season for the meeting of the subcommittee at Providence, the 4th of 10 mo. next –

Our late friend Moses Brown having in his will bequeathed to this Institution 5000 Dollars, to be appropriated in whole or in part to the purchase of real estate adjoining the school premises, the committee have in conformity therewith purchased two tracts of land, of about ten acres each, at a cost of about the sum named; a part of which has been paid out of the income of the common fund, the special bequest not being available for this purpose at the present time —

An examination of the scholars in the presence of a committee of our number has taken place at the close of each term, & the evidence we have recieved of the fidelity of the teachers, & the general diligence and orderly deportment of the scholars has been satisfactory & encouraging to us — and we feel that we have cause gratefully to acknowledge that He, from whom proceedeth all our blessings, has been pleased to regard this Institution, & to own the concern of Friends in its establishment & continued progress — On behalf & by direction of the school committee,

Samuel Boyd Tobey, Clerk —

Boarding School 5 mo. 6th 1842 —

The next winter term will commence on Second day 10 mo. 31 — The next Summer term, on Second day, 5 mo. 1st 1843" —

"At New England Yearly Meeting held in the 6 mo. 1842 —

It was concluded to raise Twelve Hundred Dollars for the service of the ensuing year; which our several Quarterly Meetings were requested to forward to David Buffum, Treasurer of this meeting, in the usual proportions — From the minutes of said meeting —

Salem Quarterly Meetings proportion is One Hundred & Fifty Dollars. } Abraham Shearman Junr Clerk —"

And our monthly meetings are requested to pay their respective proportions of the sum named, to the Treasurer of this meeting according to the usual apportionment –

Salem monthly meetings proportion is 60 p ct –
Weare " " " " 60 p ct –
Seabrook " " " " 30 " " –

We have also recieved 280 copies of an Epistle from our Yearly Meeting, which we forward to our monthly meetings, one of which having been read to our satisfaction.

The representatives to our last Yearly Meeting inform they all attended –

The business being closed at this time we conclude; purposing to meet again at Weare in the 10 mo. next –

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Samuel Boyce
Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Weare 20th of 10 mo. 1842 –

By accounts recieved from our serval monthly meetings, the representatives therein named are –

For Salem, Micajah C. Pratt, Enoch Page, Nathan Breed, William Chase, & Nathan Page –

For Seabrook, David Dow, Sewell Ordway, & Jonathan Beede –

For Weare, Moses Green, Ephraim Leighton, Nathan Sawyer of Henniker, Greely Dow, & Daniel Buxton – who being called were all present –

The queries have been read at this time, with the required answers from our monthly meetings—

Our Esteemed friend Anna Cates attended this meeting & produced a minute of concurrence from Vassalboro' monthly meeting, held 8 mo. 17th expressive of their unity with her in her prospect of a religious visit amongst us; her company & religious services have been acceptable to us

We have also the acceptable company of Edmund Cates husband & companion to Anna Cates, who has produced a minute of concurrence from Vassalboro' Monthly Meeting.

We have likewise the acceptable company of Eliza Gardiner, companion to Anna Cates who has produced a minute of concurrence from Vassalboro' monthly Meeting—

Seabrook monthly meeting inform that they are united in the appointment of Abagail Piesley to the Station of an elder; which after a time of solid consideration is approved by this & the womens Quarterly Meeting—

The business being closed at this time we conclude; pur-posing to meet again in Salem in the 10 mo. next—

Signed on behalf of the Meeting—

Samuel Boyce
Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Salem, 19th of 1mo. 1843 –

By accounts recieved from our several monthly meetings the representatives therein named are –

For Salem, James Oliver, Daniel Johnson, Enoch Page, Daniel Osborne, & Jonathan Nichols –

For Seabrook, Robert Brown, William B. Thompson, Newell Ordway, & Moses Huntington Jr –

For Weare, Joshua Page, Daniel Page, 3rd Daniel Gove 2d, and Moses Green; who are all present but one –

We have at this time the company of our friends Chase Purinton, from Starksboro monthly meeting Vermont, David Dudley from St. Albans monthly meeting Maine, & Daniel Clapp from Uxbridge monthly meeting, on whose account minutes of concurrence have been produced & read; their company & religious services have been acceptable –

We have also the acceptable company of Paul Southwick companion to Chase Purinton, & David Douglas companion to David Dudley, who have produced minutes of concurrence from the monthly meetings of which they are members –

The Queries have been read with the required answers thereto from our several monthly meetings –

We have received at this time from our meeting for Sufferings about 575 copies of the London printed Epistle for 1842, which we forward to our monthly meetings; one of them having been read to our satisfaction –

Returning minutes on behalf of Anna Cates, & of her husband Edmund Cates, & of Eliza Gardiner, who attended our last Quarterly Meeting being at this time read & approved, the Clerk was directed to sign them on our behalf –

The business being closed at this time we conclude, purposing to meet again in Seabrook at the usual time in the 5mo. next –

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Samuel Boyce Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Seabrook 25th of 5mo. 1843 –

By accounts received from our several monthly meetings, the representatives therein named are;

For Salem, Jonathan Nichols, John B. Chase, Enoch Page, Nathan Breed, Samuel Neal, Solomon Varney, & Micajah C Pratt –

For Seabrook, Jonathan Beede, Robert Brown, & William B. Thompson –

For Weare, Moses Greene, Ephraim Leighton, & Samuel Osborne 2d. – who are all present –

The Queries were read & answers thereto from our several monthly meetings, from which a summary is prepared for the Yearly meeting to be held on Rhode Island in the 6mo. next; and Jonathan Nichols, William H. Chase, Abijah Johnson, Estes Newhall, Matthew Purinton, Edward Gove Moses Greene, Nathan Breed of Lynn, Micajah C. Pratt, Oliver D. Rogers, and Ephraim Leighton are appointed to attend said meeting as representatives —

Returning minutes for our friends, Chase Purinton, David Dudley, Daniel Clapp, Paul Southwick, & David Douglas, being prepared & approved, the clerk was directed to sign them on our behalf, & forward them to their respective monthly meetings —

Our Treasurer is directed to pay our proportion of yearly meeting Stock, to the Treasurer of that meeting —

The Clerk was directed to make the necessary extracts from the records, & forward them to the yearly meeting by our representatives —

The business being accomplished at this time, we conclude; purposing to meet again in Lynn in the 8mo. next —

Signed on behalf of the meeting —
by
William H. Chase, assistant Clerk

Summary

Ans. 1st — All our meetings have been attended except one small one, which was omitted in one instance on account of bad travelling & the ill health of some of its members; Those on first days generally by most of our members; Those for discipline not so well attended; Our midweek meetings continue to be much neglected by many; the hour observed by most, yet some are remiss herein; mostly clear of unbecoming behaviour except a few instances of Sleeping —

Ans 2d. We believe there is a concern with most friends to maintain love & unity, yet they are wanting with some;

Detraction generally guarded against, yet more watchfulness herein is necessary. When differences have arisen care has been taken to end them —

Ans. 3d — We believe there is a care with most friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness, to restrain them from pernicious reading, & from corrupt conversation, & to be exemplary themselves; yet we are sensible of weakness & deficiency in these respects — We think the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in our families —

Ans. 4th We believe nearly all friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except for medicine; a few instances of attending places of public resort, & some care taken; careful in the other parts of this query.

Ans. 5th — We believe care is taken in these respects.

Ans. 6th — We believe there is a care with most friends in these respects, except a few instances of keeping company on account of marriage, with those not in profession with us —

Ans. 7th — Clear except one instance of contributing to the support of a hireling ministry, in which care has been taken; and a few instances of attending meetings where there is a hireling ministry; and one instance of a military nature which is under notice —

Ans. 8th — We believe friends are generally careful in these respects, except a few instances of extending business beyond their ability to manage consistently, on account of which, some care has been taken; and a few cases of neglect in regard to inspecting affairs, and settling accounts, and a want of punctuality in the payment of debts—

9th Marriages all recorded; Births & deaths, & burials not fully so; a few instances of removal without certificates—

10th We believe care is taken in most instances to deal with offenders as queried after, yet we are sensible of weakness & at times delay in the discharge of this important duty — We believe judgment has been placed according to discipline —

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Lynn 17th of 8 mo, 1843—

By accounts received from our several monthly meetings the representatives therein named are;

For Salem Charles Chase, John B. Chase, James Purinton, Jonathan Nichols, Enoch Page, & William Chase—

For Seabrook, No accounts are received—

For Weare, Daniel Gove, Samuel Osborn 2nd, Nathan Sawyer of Henniker, & Daniel Buxton who are present—

The time having expired for which the clerks were appointed, Samuel Boyce is proposed for clerk, & William H. Chase for assistant; which being approved they are accordingly appointed to that service for one year—

The Queries have been read at this time with answers required, from Salem & Weare monthly meetings—

We have received at this time from our yearly—

meetings, through the meeting for Sufferings, 700 copies of an essay upon some of the prominent doctrines & testimonies of Friends, which we forward to our monthly meetings; one of which has been read to our satisfaction—

Extracts from the minutes of our last yearly meeting were received at this time, containing the report of our Boarding School Committee etc. viz—

"At New England Yearly Meeting 6 mo. 1843— It was concluded to raise twelve hundred Dollars for the service of the ensuing year— David Buffum was appointed Treasurer and our respective Quarterly meetings were requested to forward to him their respective proportions of the above sum—

From the minutes of said Meeting,
Abraham Shearman Jun
Clerk"

Salem Quarterly Meeting's proportion 12½ pr ct. is one hundred & fifty Dollars—".

And our several monthly meetings are requested to pay their respective proportions of said sum to Elijah Chase Treasurer of this meeting—

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Salem Monthly Meeting's proportion is	60,00
Weare " " "	60,00
Seabrook " " "	30,00
	150.00

"Extract

from the minutes of the yearly meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, from the 11th to the 17th inclusive, of the Sixth month, 1843 –

The Annual Report of the Committee of this meeting having the Superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence, was produced & read; and the Committee were encouraged to persevere in their efforts for the right education of the children & youth of our Society, under a persuasion that a blessing will attend their faithful labours herein; and the report being satisfactory to Friends, the Clerk was directed to forward copies thereof to our several Quarterly & Monthly Meetings.

From the Minutes of said Meeting
A. Shearman Jun Clerk

To the Yearly Meeting –

The Boarding School Committee report, That they have endeavoured, during the past year to discharge the duties confided to them, in superintending the various concerns of the Institution. The average number of Scholars during the year has been Eighty, and during the winter term One Hundred & Nine. Meetings for divine Worship have been regularly held in the house, except during the time of the vacations, and harmony has prevailed –

Our friends Allen & Olive Wing continue to fill acceptably, the station of Superintendants. Jonathan L. Slocum, and Samuel Austin, are employed as teachers in the boy's School and Emmeline Aldrich, and Elizabeth J. Aldrich in the Girls'. Charles F. Coffin Junr. is engaged to take charge of the accounts, and to have the care of the boys out of School hours. George F. Read, Joseph W. Aldrich and Elizabeth H. Pope have severally been employed as teachers, during the past year –

The accounts of the Treasurer & Superintendant have been settled, by which it appears that the receipts of the School during the past year, have been $11,280\frac{48}{100}$ Dollars – Its expenditures $12,305\frac{51}{100}$ Dollars – A part of which was derived from the funds on hand at the close of last year – This amount includes the sum of $3,116\frac{57}{100}$ Dollars, that has been appropriated to repairs & improvements; especially in erecting a building for a wash house, and in making a substantial wall around a part of the farm. For details we refer to a copy of the Superintendants account herewith presented –

We would propose that the price for board & tuition be continued the same as last year, viz – 30 Dollars per term for members of this Yearly Meeting; 45 Dollars for children who are not members, one or both of whose parents are members of Society, and 50 Dollars for those of other Yearly meetings. Books & Stationary being furnished as at present – Arrangements are made for giving instruction in the Latin & Greek Languages, to the boys, and in the French to the Girls, when their parents desire it, for which we propose, that the additional sum of 5 Dollars per term, should be paid –

The income of the charitable fund for the next year, it is estimated, will support twelve Scholars, one term each, and monthly meetings are particularly desired to forward their applications in season for the meeting of the Subcommittee, at the School, 3d of 10th mo. next. As this is the last meeting previous to the commencement of the winter term, it is necessary that applications should be seasonably forwarded in order to avoid disappointment.

The original design of the Yearly Meeting in the establishment of the Boarding School, being to provide for the religious guarded education of the youth of our Society, it has ever been a prominent concern with the committee to promote this truly desirable end; And they are encouraged & comforted in believing that there are many in different parts of this Yearly Meeting, who have found in this Institution, the means of obtaining a useful education, in a good degree free from the contaminating influences of the world. In order to preserve it a select and safe School for our children, we feel it to be very important that the careful guards, which from time to time have been adopted by the Yearly Meeting in relation to the admission of Scholars should be faithfully maintained; and we think it right at this time to revive some of these regulations and to solicit Friends strictly to observe them.

First. Every Monthly Meeting is desired to have a committee specially appointed for the purpose of granting certificates to all children, both male and female, whom they may consider suitable to enter the School;

and parents are requested in every case, when proposing to send a child to the School, to make seasonable application to such committee in order to obtain their certificate —

Second. No male Scholar over fourteen years of age can enter the School without previously obtaining permission so to do from the Subcommittee who meet on 3d. day before the first 5th day in every month; and a certificate from the Monthly Meetings Committee must be produced in these as well as in other cases —

Third. It is particularly requested that committees in granting certificates will exercise a care that children should bring no clothing to the School unsuitable to be worn on account of plainness; and that they give evidence of a disposition to conform to the rules of the School, and to demean themselves in an orderly and consistent manner, which should be expressed in the certificate —

Fourth. No Scholar can enter the School, for a less time than one term, without the consent of the Sub-committee; and when, under peculiar circumstances, it may be deemed proper to admit a child after the term has commenced, it is desired he will continue in the School until the ensuing vacation —

The faithful observance in this Institution of our well known and important testimonies, as to plainness of Speech, behaviour & apparel, continues to claim our unabated attention; and we earnestly desire that the importance thereof may be duly impressed upon the minds of the children, before leaving their homes, and that they may be encouraged in no respect to deviate therefrom, & thus wound themselves, and bring reproach upon our profession — In a Circular first issued in 1835, and revived in 1839, copies of which were transmitted to the different Monthly Meetings, some directions were proposed as to what constituted a suitable attire for scholars; to which we desire again to refer Friends who are intending to send their children to the School — On behalf & by direction of the School Committee —

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

Boarding School, 5th. mo. 5th. 1843 —

The next winter term will commence on Second day, 10th. mo. 30th. The next Summer term, on Second day, 4th. mo. 29th. 1844 —

The representatives to our last yearly meeting, inform that all attended but one who was prevented on account of ill health —

Our esteemed Friend Sophronia Page, spread before this meeting in a weighty manner, a concern which has at times for several years rested upon her mind, (attending North Carolina Yearly Meeting) and the meetings constituting it, and some other meetings as expressed in a certificate granted her by Salem Monthly Meeting, which claiming our weighty deliberation was united with, & she left at liberty to pursue her prospect as Best Wisdom may direct — She being a minister in unity with us — And an endorsement being prepared to be entered upon said certificate, the clerk was directed to enter it thereon, and sign it on behalf of this meeting. —

The business being closed at this time we conclude, purposing to meet again in Weare in the 10th mo. next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Samuel Boyce Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Weare 19th of 10 mo. 1843 —

By accounts received from our several monthly meetings, the representatives therein named are;

For Salem, Nathan Breed, Micajah C. Pratt, John D. Chase, William Chase, and Abijah Chase.

For Seabrook, William P. Thompson, Arnold Thompson & Edward Gove —

For Weare, Herod Chase, Daniel Page 2d, John Page Junr, Greely Dow, and Nathan Sawyer of Henniker — who are all present. —

Our Esteemed Friend Eli Jones attended this meeting and produced a certificate from China Monthly Meeting held in the 8 mo. last, endorsed by Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting expressive of their unity with him in his prospect of a religious visit amongst us.

His company and religious services have been acceptable —

Our esteemed Friend Daniel Smiley companion to Eli Jones also attended this meeting, and produced a minute of concurrence from Vassalboro monthly meeling; His company has been acceptable to us.

The Queries have been read at this time, with the required answers thereto from our monthly meetings.

We have also received at this time the accounts from Seabrook Monthly Meeting, which were prepared for our last Quarterly Meeting; and the meeting is informed that the representatives appointed from that monthly meeting all attended.

Seabrook Monthly Meeting informs that they are united in approving the public appearances in the ministry of William B. Thompson; which after a time of solid consideration was approved by this and the women's meeting; and the clerk was directed to give the necessary information.

The business being accomplished, we conclude; purposing to meet again in Salem at the usual time in the 1st month, next.

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Samuel Boyce
Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Salem, 18th of 1 mo. 1844.

By accounts received from our several monthly meetings, the representatives therein named are

For Salem, Valentine Meader, Daniel Johnson, James Purinton, Daniel Osborn & Ichabod Nichols;

For Seabrook, William B. Thompson, Moses Hun

-tington jr. Nevell Ordway and Edward Gove

For Weare. Hood Chase Moses Greene Nathan Sawyer of Henniker, John Page jr. and Thomas W. Thorndike, who are all present.

We have at this time the company of our esteemed friends Charles F. Coffin from Sydney monthly meeting and Lindley M. Hoag from Sandwich Monthly meeting N. H. on account of whom minutes of approbation have been received & read. Their company and labours of love in the Gospel have been satisfactory and edifying to us.

The Queries have been read at this time, with the required answers from our monthly meetings.

We have at this time received from our meeting for sufferings about 470 copies of the London printed Epistle for 1852, which we forward to our monthly meetings, One of them having been read to our satisfaction.

Returning minutes on behalf of our friends Eli Jones, and Daniel Smiley who attended our last Quarterly meeting were at this time read and approved, and the clerk was directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting.

Returning minutes on behalf of our friends Charles F. Coffin and Lindley M. Hoag, were read and approved and the clerk was directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting.

The business being closed at this time we conclude, purposing to meet again in Seabrook at the usual time in the 5 mo next —

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Samuel Boyce
Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Seabrook 23d of 5 mo. 1844.

By accounts received from our several monthly meetings, the representatives therein named are — For Salem Nathan Breed, John B. Chase, Micajah C. Pratt, Jonathan Nichols, Enoch Page, and Abijah Chase —

For Seabrook, Jonathan Beede, Thomas Folsom, and William B. Thompson —

For Weare, Moses Greene, Herod Chase, and Daniel Page 3d; who are all present —

We have at this time the company of our esteemed friends Jared Patterson from Indiana, Charles Taber from Farnam monthly meeting, Lower Canada, and Daniel Clapp from Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, on account of whom, minutes have been read from the respective meetings of which they are members, expressive of the unity of their friends with them in their ministry and in their present religious engagements; Their company and religious services have been acceptable to us —

We have also at this time the acceptable company of Josiah Morris, companion to Jared Patterson and Paul Southwick companion to Charles Faber; on account of whom, minutes of concurrence from the monthly meetings of which they are members have been received and read—

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers thereto; from which a summary is prepared for the Yearly Meeting to be held on Rhode Island in the 6 mo. next, and Matthew Purinton, Abijah Johnson John Page Edward Gove, Enoch Page, Moses Greene, Jerod Chase Nathan Breed of Lynn and Jonathan Nichols, are appointed to attend said meeting as representatives—

Salem monthly meeting informs that they have appointed Enoch Page to the Station of an elder. Which after a time of solid consideration, was approved by this & the women's Quarterly meeting, and the clerk is directed to give the necessary information.

A memorial from Weare Monthly Meeting, respecting our late beloved friend Daniel Gove, was at this time read; and after being weightily considered was approved; and the clerk was directed to sign it on behalf of this meeting, and forward it to our meeting for sufferings—

Returning minutes on behalf of our Friends, Jared Patterson, Charles Faber, and Daniel Clapp, have been read and approved; and the clerk was directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting—

Returning minutes on behalf of Josiah Morris, companion to Jared Patterson, and Paul Southwick companion to Charles Faber, have also been read & approved and the clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting.

Our Treasurer is directed to pay our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock to the Treasurer of that meeting.

An account from this meeting to our next yearly meeting, having been prepared and read, the Clerk was directed to sign it on behalf of this meeting.

The business being closed at this time we conclude; purposing to meet again at Lynn in the 8 mo. next. Signed on behalf of the meeting,

Samuel Boyce
Clerk

Summary

Ans. 1. All our meetings have been attended; those on first days generally, by nearly all our members, although there is a deficiency with some, in the attendance thereof; meetings for discipline and other midweek meetings, particularly the latter, continue to be much neglected by many; the hour pretty well observed by most, while a few are quite remiss herein; Generally clear of unbecoming behaviour except a few instances of sleeping.

Ans. 2d. We believe there is a concern with most friends to maintain love & unity, yet they are evidently wanting with a few; We trust there is a care with most to guard against detraction, yet more watchfulness herein is necesquery - When differences have arisen, care has been taken to end them -

Ans. 3rd We believe there is a care with many friend to bring up those under their direction in plainness, to restrain them from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation, and to be exemplary themselves; yet we are sensible of much weakness and falling short herein. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in our families -

Ans. 4th We believe friends are careful as to the use of spirituous liquors and frequenting places of public resort, with a few exceptions; careful as to the other parts of this Query -

Ans. 5th We believe friends are careful in the several requisitions of this query, except one instance of placing a child out from among friends -

Ans. 6th We know of no breach of this query, except a few instances of keeping company on account of marriage, on which account some care has been taken -

Ans. 7th We know of no violation of our testimony in these respects, except two instances of contributing to the support of a hireling ministry; and one of a military nature; some care taken. -

Ans. 8th Mostly careful in the several particulars of this Query except two or three instances of failure in the payment of debts -

Ans. 9th Marriages all recorded; births, deaths, and burials not fully so; a few instances of removal without certificates -

Ans. 10th. There has been a care to deal with offenders, in good measure we trust as queried after;

Yet we are sensible of delay at times in the discharge of this duty.

We believe judgment has been placed according to discipline.

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Lynn, 13th of 8mo. 1844.

By accounts received from our several monthly meetings, the representatives therein named are.

For Salem, Abijah Chase, Samuel Neal, Gamaliel W. Oliver, Charles Chase, Humphrey S. Johnson, & Benjamin N. Breed.

For Seabrook, Jonathan Beede, Moses Huntingdon Jr., and Oliver D. Rogers.

For Weare, Abijah Johnson, Herod Chase, John C. Haseltine, and Thomas W. Thorndike;

Who being called are all present.

The time having expired for which the clerks were appointed, the representatives have proposed Samuel Boyce for clerk, and William H. Chase for assistant; which being approved, they are accordingly appointed to that service for one year.

Our beloved friend John Pease from England, attended this meeting, and produced a certificate from Darlington monthly meeting held 23d of 3 mo. 1843. Endorsed by Durham Quarterly meeting held in the 4 mo. 1843. And a certificate from London Yearly Meeting of ministers and elders, informing that he is a minister in unity with them, & expressive of their sympathy and concurrence with him in his prospect of a religious visit amongst us; His company & labours of love in the Gospel have been acceptable & edifying to us—

Our beloved friend Rachael Priestman from England attended this meeting, and produced a certificate from Newcastle monthly meeting held 15th of 3mo. 1843. Endorsed by Durham Quarterly Meeting; and a certificate from London Yearly meeting of ministers and elders, informing that she is a minister in unity amongst them, and expressive of their sympathy & concurrence with her in her prospect of a religious visit amongst us— Her company and religious services have been acceptable & edifying to us—

Our Esteemed friend Phebe Bishop attended this meeting, and produced a certificate from Granville monthly meeting (Newyork, held 9th of 5mo. last, Endorsed by Saratoga Quarterly Meeting, informing that she is a minister in unity and expressive of their concurrence with her in her prospect of a religious visit amongst us— Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us—

We have also at this time, the acceptable company of Abner De Vol, and Hannah Potter, companions to Phebe Bishop, on account of whom, minutes of concurrence have been read from the meetings of which they are members—

The Queries have been read at this time, with the required answers from the monthly meetings—

"An Extract from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting is received at this time as follows. Viz —

"At New England Yearly Meeting of Friends, held in the Sixth month, 1844 —

It was concluded to raise fourteen hundred Dollars for the ensuing year, which our several Quarterly Meetings were requested to forward to our Treasurer in the usual proportions — From the minutes of said meeting,

Abraham Shearman Junr. Clerk

Salem Quarterly Meeting's proportion, 12½ per ct, is One Hundred and Seventy Five Dollars —"

And it appearing, that this meeting's proportion of yearly meeting's stock is 175 Dollars, our monthly meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions of said sum to Abijah Chase, Treasurer of this meeting —

Salem Monthly Meeting's proportion is	70,00
Weare " " "	70,00
And Seabrook " " "	35,00
	175,00

Copies of the Report of the Boarding School committee, are also recd. at this time as follows. Viz —

"Extract.

From the minutes of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, from the 16th to the 21st inclusive of the 6mo, 1844 —

The annual report of the committee of this meeting having the superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence, was produced and read, and being satisfactory to us the clerk was directed to forward copies thereof to our several Quarterly & Monthly Meetings. From the minutes of said meeting.

A. Shearman, Jun. Clerk.

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Boarding School committee report that they have endeavoured during the past year to discharge the services entrusted to them by the yearly meeting in superintending the various concerns of the Boarding School.

The average number of Scholars has been 55. Meetings have been regularly held in the house and harmony has prevailed.

Our friends Allen and Olive Wing are engaged for the present year as Superintendents; and Charles Atherton and William Nicholson as teachers in the boy's School; and Mary Atherton and Elizabeth J. Aldrich in the girls.

The Treasurer's and Superintendent's accounts have been examined and settled by which it appears that the income of the School from all Sources has been $9,356 99/100. Its expenditures $9,202 86/100; and that there is a balance in the Treasury of $5,220 85/100 the devise of our late friend Moses Brown of $5,000 for the purchase of real Estate, having been received during the past year; a part of which is due for the purchase effected agreeably to the will of the donor.

For details of the receipts & expenses of the School, we refer to a copy of the Superintendent's account, herewith forwarded.

We would propose that the price for board and tuition be continued the same as last year: Viz. 30 Dolls per term for members of our yearly meeting, 45 Dolls for those who are not members, one or both of whose parents are members, and 50 Dolls for members of other yearly meetings. Books and Stationary being furnished as at present. We also think it safe to propose to each monthly meeting, that they have the privilege of sending one scholar for the next winter term free of expense, and monthly meetings are requested to exercise in the selection of scholars, care to conform to the conditions of the will of the principal donor to the charitable fund, viz, that it be applied "for the schooling of such members of the society as are actually poor, supported or not as such by the respective Monthly Meetings."

The schools have been examined at the close of each term by a committee appointed for that purpose; and from the last report of the visiting Committee we make the following extract; Viz. "In the examination of the scholars, satisfactory evidence was given of their having made good proficiency in the studies in which they had been engaged. The knowledge and acquaintance manifested in some of the most important branches of education were such as to warrant the conclusion that there had been a very commendable degree of application on the part of the scholars, and faithfulness and assiduity on that of the teachers. The general appearance of the school was satisfactory, and the deportment of the scholars orderly, inducing a belief that usefulness continues to result from the Institution."

In review of the past year, they are brought to feel regret that the number of Scholars has been less, than in many former years. The object of the Yearly Meeting in establishing the School, that the children of Friends might receive a religious guarded education, free from the contaminating influence of the World, may we believe be in a good degree attained by placing them in this Institution.—

We therefore desire affectionately to encourage our fellow members to avail themselves of the advantages to be derived from this School, that thus the concern and liberality of our departed Friends, who were instrumental in establishing & endowing it, and who are now gathered from works to rewards, may be to the benefit of the children of the present and Succeeding day—

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee
Thomas Howland
Boarding School 5 mo. 3d. 1844— Clerk at this time—

The next Winter term will commence on Second day 10th mo. 28th— The next Summer term, on Second day 4th mo. 28th 1845"—

Which we forward to our monthly meetings—

The representatives to our last yearly meeting inform they all attended—

The business being closed at this time we conclude, purposing to meet again in Weare at the usual time in the 10 mo. next—

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.
Samuel Boyce
Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting
of Friends held in Weare 17th of 10 mo. 1844 –

By accounts received from our several monthly meetings the representatives therein named are;

For Salem, Nathan Page, Nathan Breed, Estes Newhall, Enoch Page, & John Buxton Jr –

For Seabrook, Daniel Beede, Oliver D. Rogers, & William S. Thompson –

For Weare, Nathan Breed, Nathan G. Chase jr, Levi Gove, & Daniel Buxton, who are all present –

Our esteemed Friends Charles Faber & his companion Paul Southwick who were with us at our Quarterly Meeting in the 5 mo. last, are again acceptably with us at this time –

The Queries have been read in this meeting with the required answers from our monthly meetings –

Returning minutes on behalf of Phebe Bishop and her companions, Abner De Vol, & Hannah Potter, being read & approved, the clerk was directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting –

A returning minute on behalf of Rachael Priestman was also read & approved, which the clerk was directed to sign on behalf of this meeting –

The business being closed at this time we conclude; purposing to meet again in Salem in the 1st mo. next –

Signed on behalf of the meeting,
Samuel Boyce
Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Salem 16th of 1 mo 1845 –

By accounts received from our several monthly meetings, the representatives therein named are –

For Salem, Daniel Johnson, Enoch Page, Ichabod Nichols, James Swinton, Nathan Breed & Ezra Johnson

For Seabrook, Oliver D. Rogers, Moses Huntington jr and Newell Ordway –

For Weare Daniel Page 3d, Enoch Chase, Ephraim Leighton, Daniel Purton and Joseph Hoag; who are all present –

Our esteemed friends Samuel Taylor jr from Sydney monthly meeting, and Reuben Jones from Litchfield monthly meeting are at this time with us & have produced minutes of concurrence from those monthly meetings respectively, expressive of their unity with them in their prospects of religious service amongst us; Their company & religious services have been acceptable –

Our esteemed friend Elisha Jones companion to Reuben Jones also attended this meeting & produced a minute of concurrence from Windham Monthly Meeting; his company has been acceptable –

Our esteemed friend Martha J. Hodges also attended this meeting, and produced a minute of concurrence from China monthly meeting, expressive of their unity with her in her prospect of a religious visit amongst us; Her company and religious services have been acceptable –

The Queries have been read at this time with the required answers thereto, from our several monthly meetings—

Weare monthly meeting at this time informs, that they are united in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Elizabeth Pages; which claiming the solid deliberation of this meeting, it was concluded to defer the subject untill our next Quarterly Meeting for further consideration—

We have received at this time about 475 copies of the London Printed Epistle for last year, One of which has been read to our satisfaction; and they are forwarded to our monthly meetings—

We have also received at this time the following communication from our Meeting for Sufferings, viz—

To the Preparative, Monthly, and Quarterly Meetings of Friends within the limits of New England (Yearly) Meeting—

Dear Friends—

In the discharge of the important duties devolving upon this meeting, in the recess of the Yearly Meeting, we feel it to be incumbent upon us at this time to address you, and inform you of some of the deeply painful circumstances that have transpired in Society since our last Yearly Meeting in the progress of that separating Spirit that is producing divisions amongst us—

In Swanzey Monthly Meeting for a long time past there has been a want of that love & unity which are essential to the right conducting of the affairs of Truth. More than two years since, Committees were appointed in that meeting, to propose the names of Clerks and Overseers of Society, but they were unable to agree upon Friends for those stations. The State of this Meeting had claimed the attention of the Yearly Meeting's Committee, and also of a Committee of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting previous to our last Yearly Meeting; and much labour had been bestowed by them to remedy the existing difficulties and to produce that organization of the Meeting that would enable it to carry into effect the Discipline the administration of which had been seriously interrupted.

The committee appointed at our last Yearly Meeting "to assist and advise such meetings and members as circumstances may require & way open for" with a number of the Quarterly Meeting's Committee then under appointment met with these two Committees of the Monthly Meeting in the 7th month and united with a part of them in their proposing to the meeting the names of certain friends for Clerks & Overseers. With the exception of two or three individuals all the members of these Committees of the Monthly Meeting either united with the names proposed or expressed their acquiescence therein. They were accordingly reported by those Committees to the Monthly Meeting & the report was fully united with by the large body of the Members of that Meeting. A few individuals opposed it, and the Clerk, who was one of this number, refused to record the clearly expressed sense of the meeting; although earnestly advised to do so by the Yearly Meeting's Committee in attendance. The condition of this meeting as it then stood was presented to the Quarterly Meeting in the 8th Month, which again appointed a committee to visit Swanzey Monthly Meeting and assist in its due organization, that our christian Discipline might be supported, as in former days, to the honor of Truth.

At the following Monthly Meeting the individual who had previously acted as Clerk still persisting in attempting to hold that station, contrary to the fully expressed sense of the meeting, and of the Quarterly Meeting's Committee, and of the earnest entreaty and advice of the Yearly Meeting's Committee — and the Monthly Meeting having again at this time (with the exception of those individuals who had manifested their opposition at the last meeting) united in the appointment as Clerk of the friend who had been selected at the previous meeting, he proceeded to open the meeting, and the Representatives from all the Preparative Meetings presented to him the Reports from those meetings and all answered to the calling of their names. Notwithstanding this action of the meeting the former Clerk continued to sit at the table and to form & read minutes; and to prevent confusion, Friends after having read the minute of the Quarterly Meeting appointing its Committee, adjourned to a later hour in the afternoon — by far the larger part of the men's meeting and all the women withdrawing from the house and mostly again assembling at the hour of adjournment to transact the business of the meeting. The persons who sustained the former Clerk in his decision against the judgment of the meeting, with several women who were also disaffected towards Society, continued to hold what they call Monthly Meetings, and at Rhode-Island Quarterly Meeting, in the 11th month, they presented an account purporting to come from Swanzey Monthly Meeting, which was not received or in any way acknowledged. After the business of the Quarterly Meeting was concluded these individuals, with a few from the other Monthly Meetings both men and women most of whom had for a length of time clearly manifested a want of unity with Friends, remained in the house and called themselves Rhode-Island Quarterly Meeting appointing Clerks and a Committee to visit subordinate meetings. — This Committee thus appointed has since visited the Monthly Meetings and attempted to sit in them and to be recognized as a Committee from the Quarterly Meeting organized as we have described in a wholly unprecedented and irregular manner. Most of them being already under dealing as offenders in their respective Monthly Meetings and refusing to leave Friends select, for the support of our Discipline adjournment has been resorted to, in order to be freed from this intrusion. A few individuals have been found in each of the Monthly Meetings in Rhode-Island Quarter who, being disaffected towards the body of Friends have, under the advisement of this Committee, united in forming what they denominate Monthly Meetings, assuming to themselves the names of those Meetings respectively. —

Thus, dear friends, a division in Society has taken place within the limits of Rhode-Island Quarterly Meeting; but we are comforted in being able to state that the great body of Friends remain united together, concerned for the support of the ancient principles, testimonies and discipline of our religious Society. —

The *cause* of this Schism we apprehend is to be found in a spirit of disaffection and desire for individual liberty, that is not willing to submit to that necessary subordination, recognized in our Discipline, of inferior to superior meetings and of each member to the body, which has ever been found essential to the welfare and preservation of our religious Society. —

Attempts are strenuously made by the Separatists to fasten upon the Yearly Meeting, and those who do not unite with them, a charge of unsoundness in our fundamental principles — an accusation which we are fully assured is entirely unfounded in fact — as we have abundant evidence of the unabated concern of Friends to maintain inviolate the ancient doctrines and testimonies of our religious society as professed and sustained by our worthy predecessors in the Truth, and to support our christian Discipline. —

As a manifestation of the care of Friends to hold up to view those Gospel Truths which we do most solemnly believe and which ever have been received by us as a people, we would refer to divers documents that have been issued by the Yearly Meeting or Meeting for Sufferings within the past few years, in which Friends are exhorted not only to hold fast to those ancient and established principles and testimonies of our Society, but faithfully cautioned against giving any countenance to the receiving or spreading of unsound doctrines, either by reading or circulating books containing them or otherwise. — The documents to which we specially allude are a "Minute of the Yearly Meeting" in 1836 — An Epistle to the members of the Society of Friends of New England Yearly Meeting from the Meeting for Sufferings in 1838 the Introduction to the "Memorials of Deceased Friends" published in 1841, as well as the appendix thereto being a reprint of "The testimony of the Society of Friends on the Continent of America" — and "An Essay on some of the prominent Doctrines & Testimonies of Friends", issued by the Yearly Meeting in 1843.—

These candid, full & explicit declarations, and the continued care that has been manifested by Friends individually to observe the recommendations contained in them, leave those without excuse who still persist in charging upon Society a dereliction from the principles of our predecessors in religious profession.—

Efforts we have cause to believe, are exerted in other Quarterly Meetings to extend the spirit of disaffection and to produce divisions among Friends — and these efforts are often masked under the very plausible pretext of a concern for the Support of the ancient principles and testimonies of our religious Society. We feel it to be our duty affectionately to entreat and solemnly to warn Friends to beware of being taken in the Snare that is Spread for them. Brethren be not deceived. May the great Head of the Church in His mercy still condescend to watch over and direct us as individuals and as a body, that we may be preserved from falling. —

In order that no embarrassment may be experienced by Friends in determining what Meetings are in unity with the Society we have appointed the following correspondents to act untill the time of our next Yearly Meeting, by whom all documents issued by their respective meetings are to be signed, in addition to the usual signatures of the Clerks; and any paper purporting to come from either of those meetings, not signed by the appointed correspondent should be deemed as spurious viz —

For Rhode-Island Quarterly Meeting, Thomas Howland.
For Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, — Jethro F. Mitchell.
" Greenwich Monthly Meeting — Rowland Greene.
" Swanzey Monthly Meeting — — Oliver Earle.
" Providence Monthly Meeting — Samuel Boyd Tobey —

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting for Sufferings of New England Yearly Meeting held at Providence, by adjournment the 6th of 12 mo. 1844.

Samuel Boyd Tobey, Clerk."

The business being closed at this time we conclude purposing to meet again in Seabrook at the usual time in the 5 mo. next —

Signed on behalf of the meeting —
Samuel Boyce Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Seabrook 22nd of 5 mo. 1845 —

By accounts received from our monthly meetings the representatives therein named are —

For Salem Ichabod Nichols, Nathan Breed, Enoch Page & Micajah T Pratt, Estes Newhall, Nathan Page & Jona. Nichols — For Seabrook Moses Huntington jr, Oliver D Rogers, Jonathan Swain & Thomas Folsom —

For Weare Joshua Page, Ephraim Leighton, Abijah Johnson, & John Page Jr —

Who are all present —

The Queries have been read at this time, with answers thereto from our several monthly meetings, from which a summary is prepared for the Yearly Meeting to be held on Rhode Island in the 6 mo. next; and Jonathan Nichols, Estes Newhall, John Page, Moses Huntington jr, Oliver D. Rogers, Abijah Johnson, Enoch Page, [illegible] Chase and Nathan Breed of Lynn are appointed to attend said meeting as representatives —

The approval of the public appearances in the ministry of Elizabeth Page by Weare Monthly Meeting, again coming before us, after a time of weighty consideration thereon it was concluded to refer it to our next Quarterly Meeting.

Returning minutes for our Friends Samuel Taylor Jr, Reuben Jones, Martha J. Hodges & Elisha Jones who were present at our last Quarterly Meeting were read & approved; and the clerk was directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting —

Seabrook Monthly Meeting have at this time requested the assistance of this meeting in adjusting a difficulty which they have thus far been unable to settle to satisfaction; wherefore we appoint Estes Newhall, Abner Breed of Lynn, Stephen A. Chase, Ephraim Langdon, Hood Chase and Daniel Purinton to visit that monthly meeting, and unite with them in endeavoring to settle & remove said difficulty from among them, and report to our next Quarterly Meeting —

Our Treasurer is directed to pay our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock to the Treasurer of that Meeting.

An account to be forwarded to our next Yearly Meeting, being read & approved, the clerk was directed to sign it on behalf of this Meeting —

The business being closed at this time we conclude; purposing to meet again in Lynn at the usual time in the 8 mo. next —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Samuel Boyce
Clerk

Summary —

Ans. 1 All our meetings have been attended; Those on first days, generally by nearly all our members, while

Some continue to neglect our midweek meetings, both for worship and discipline; with a few exceptions the hour is pretty well observed. Mostly clear of unbecoming behavior except a few instances of sleeping —

Ans. 2nd We believe there is a concern with most friends to maintain love & unity, yet we apprehend they are much wanting with some; there is a care to guard against detraction yet more watchfulness herein is necessary. When differences have arisen endeavors have been used to end them —

Ans. 3d We believe there is a care with most friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness, to restrain them from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation and to be exemplary themselves; yet we are sensible of much weakness in the discharge of these important duties. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in our families —

Ans. 4th We believe most friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors, yet there are a few exceptions among us. A few instances of attending places of public resort and some care taken. Careful in the others parts of this Query —

Ans. 5th Care is taken in the several particulars of this Query —

Ans. 6th Careful in these respects, except, several instances of keeping company out of Society, on account of marriage —

Ans. 7th Friends are generally careful to maintain our testimonies in these respects —

Ans. 8th Friends are generally careful in these respects although more promptness in the settlement of accounts, and payment of debts, would in some instances be best —

Ans. 9th Marriages all recorded. Births, deaths & burials not fully so — A few instances of removal without certificates —

Ans. 10th Care has been taken to deal with offenders we trust in good measure as queried after; yet we are sensible of weakness, and at times delay, in the discharge of this duty —

Judgment has been placed in good measure according to discipline —

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Lynn 21st of 8 mo. 1845 —

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named are —

For Salem, Moses Breed, James Purinton, Samuel Breed, Micajah C. Pratt, Estes Newhall and John B. Chase —

For Seabrook, Edward Gove, Moses Huntington jr. and Robert Brown —

For Weare, Moses Green, Elijah Johnson, Daniel Gove, Herod Chase, & Nathan G. Chase jr; who being called, are all present but one —

This meeting being at this time prevented from proceeding with its business on account of the presence of several individuals who are not members of our religious Society, and said individuals having been several times kindly requested to withdraw, with which request they have refused to comply, this meeting concludes to adjourn to meet again in this house, at the 9th hour tomorrow morning –

22nd of 8 mo. Met pursuant to adjournment – The Representatives being called are all present but one, who was yesterday excused on account of sickness in his family –

A part of our Yearly Meetings' committee appointed to visit such subordinate meetings as may appear to them to stand in need of assistance, and to afford such counsel and advice, as in the meekness & wisdom of the Truth they may be enabled to afford, are acceptably with us at the present time –

The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed, the Representatives have proposed Samuel Boyce for Clerk and William H. Chase for assistant; Which being approved, they are accordingly appointed to that service for one year –

The Queries have been read at this time with the required answers thereto, from our Monthly Meetings –

The Subject of the approval of the public appearances in the Ministry by Weare Monthly Meeting of Elizabeth Page again claiming the attention of this

Meeting, after a time of Solid consideration, it was concluded to defer it, untill our next Quarterly Meeting —

The committee to visit Seabrook Monthly Meeting, presented the following Report. Viz. "To Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends to be holden 8 mo. 21. 1845.

We your Committee appointed at the last Quarterly meeting in the case of a difference reported from Seabrook Monthly Meeting, have attended to our appointment and now Report; that all the members of the committee attended that Monthly Meeting in the 7th month, and afterwards met the parties concerned — We found a disposition in them to conform to the advice of the committee, and they amicably settled the points of difference between them. So that no further care from the committee seems to be necessary —

Estes Newhall } on behalf
Lynn 8 mo. 21. 1845. Nerod Chase } of the committee

which being satisfactory to the meeting, the committee are released from further Service; and the clerk is directed to inform Seabrook Monthly Meeting thereof, by forwarding an extract of this minute to that meeting —

About 800 copies of an Epistle from our last Yearly Meeting have been received at this time, one of which has been read, informing of a secession which has taken place in our Yearly Meeting — About the Same number of copies of a declaration of Truth by our Yearly Meeting and of a narrative of the facts which have led to the Secession have also been received which together with the copies of the Epistle we forward to our Monthly Meetings —

Extracts from the Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting have been received at this time as follows. viz —

"At New England Yearly Meeting held in 6 mo. 1845 — It was concluded to raise two thousand Dollars for the service of the ensuing year, which our several Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward to David Buffum our Treasurer, in the usual proportions — Salem Quarterly Meetings proportion is Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars.

From the minutes of said Meeting
12½ pr. ct. = 250 Dolls — Abm Shearman Jr. Clerk"

And it appearing, that this meetings proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock is 250 Dolls. our several monthly meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions of said sum to Abijah Chase Treasurer of this meeting.

Salems proportion is 100 Dolls.
Weares " 100 "
Seabrooks " 50 "
250 "

Other Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting are also received, containing the Report of our Boarding School Committee, and a list of Correspondents for this Yearly meeting as follows. viz —

"Extract.

From the minutes of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island, from the 15th to the 23rd inclusive, of the 6mo. 1845 —

The annual Report of the Committee of this meeting having the government and superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence was produced and read, and being satisfactory to us, the Clerk was directed to forward copies thereof to our several monthly & Quarterly Meetings — Extract from the Minutes of said Meeting — A Shearman Jr Clerk —

To the Yearly Meeting —

The Boarding School Committee report, That they have endeavored during the past year to discharge the duties entrusted to them by the Yearly Meeting, in superintending the concerns of the Boarding School.

The average number of Scholars has been Eighty — Meetings have been regularly held in the house, except during vacations; and harmony has prevailed —

Our Friends Allen & Olive Wing, who have acceptably served the Institution as Superintendents for several years past, having requested to be released at the close of the last Summer term, we engaged our Friends Olney & Lydia Thompson to take their places, and they entered upon the duties of that Station in the 10 mo. last — Charles Atherton, William Nicholson and Edward Hoag, are engaged as teachers in the Boys' School and Mary Atherton, Gertrude E. Whittier, and Elizabeth Prosser in the Girls' — Elizabeth J. Aldrich has been employed as Teacher in the Girls' School the past Year —

The Treasurers' and Superintendents' accounts have been examined and settled, by which it appears that the income of the School from all Sources, the past year has been $ 9350, 40 cts and its expenditures $ 11154 47 cts including $ 1542,59 cts paid for land purchased from a donation, and in accordance with the will of our late friend Moses Brown. And there is now a balance in the Treasury of 4469,64 —

We would propose that the price of board & tuition be continued the same as last year. viz — 30 Dolls per term for members of our Yearly Meeting, 45 Dolls. for those who are not members, one or both of whose parents are members, and 50 Dolls. for those of other Yearly meetings. Books and Stationary being furnished as at present. We also deem it safe to propose that each monthly meeting have the privelege of sending one Scholar free of expense, for one term & that they may occupy this privelege, either during the next Winter term or during the Summer term of next year according to the discretion of the Monthly Meeting. But if the Monthly Meeting desires to occupy the privelege in the Summer term, as now proposed it shall inform the Acting Committee thereof at their meeting in the 10 mo. [held on the 7th day thereof.]

The Schools have been examined at the close of each term by a committee appointed for that purpose and by their reports it appears that they have been generally satisfied with the evidence afforded by the diligence and application of the children to their studies, of their orderly deportment, and of the faithfulness and ability of the Teachers— Instruction continues to be given in the Languages when desired, on the same terms as heretofore. viz; 3 Doll, additional for the term—

The object that Friends had in view in the establishment of this Institution and the lively concern the Society has felt & continues to feel, that the youth among us, may have the advantages of a good School, without exposure to those associations which in a greater or less degree tend to alienate their tender minds from the simplicity of our profession, may we trust, in good degree be realized by placing our children in this Institution— And we would affectionately encourage Friends to be willing to make some sacrifice, if sacrifice be required, to afford those under their care an opportunity to acquire a sound & guarded education—

Signed by direction and on behalf of the
School Committee — Jonathan L. Slocum Clerk
Boarding School 3 mo. 2d 1845—

[The next winter term will commence on second day, 3d of 11 mo— The next Summer term on second day 5 mo 4th 1846—]"

" Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, Sixth Month, 1845 —

A secession from our Religious Society having to some extent taken place within the limits of this Yearly Meeting and divers meetings set up, bearing the name of, and claiming to be meetings of the Society of Friends, we have deemed it a prudent measure, (though we trust not absolutely called for in many of our meetings, on account of any disaffection towards Society within their borders,) in order to relieve our Friends abroad from any embarrassment in the acceptance of Certificates and other papers from New-England, to appoint correspondents in all our monthly meetings, whose duty it shall be to sign all certificates and other papers issued by those meetings respectively, in addition to the usual signing of the Clerk — And any one of whom, within the limits of their respective Quarterly Meetings, may sign any document issued by such Quarterly Meeting —

In case of removal by death or otherwise, of any of the correspondents now appointed, Quarterly Meetings are authorised to supply any vacancies that may occur till the time of our next Yearly Meeting —

From the Minutes of said Meeting

Abraham Shearman Junr.

Clerk"

"Correspondents of New England Yearly Meeting

[Appointed Sixth Month, 1845]

Rhode-Island Quarterly Meeting

	Correspondents	Post-office address
Rhode-Island Monthly Meeting,	Jethro F. Mitchell,	Newport R. I.
Greenwich Do. Do.	Rowland Greene,	Fiskville, "
Swansey Do. Do.	Oliver Earle,	Swansey, Mass.
Providence Do. Do.	Samuel Boyd Tobey,	Providence, R. I.

Salem Quarterly Meeting

Salem Monthly Meeting	Nathan Breed	Lynn Mass.
Seabrook Do. Do.	Moses Huntington jr,	Amesbury "
Weare Do. Do.	Elijah Johnson	Weare N. H.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting

Sandwich Monthly Meeting	Nathan Gifford	West Falmouth Mass
Pembroke Do. Do.	Calvin Shepherd	Pembroke "
Nantucket Do. Do.	Cromwell Barnard	Nantucket "
Dartmouth Do. Do.	George Almy	South Dartmouth "
Westport Do. Do.	Samuel Slade	Westport "
New-Bedford Do. Do.	John Howland	New-Bedford "

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting

Falmouth Monthly Meeting	John W. Minot	Westbrook Stevens Plains. Me.
Durham Do. Do.	Thomas Jones	South Durham "
Windham Do. Do.	Nathan Lobe	Windham "

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting

Smithfield Monthly Meeting	Arnold Aldrich	Woonsocket R. I.
Uxbridge Do. Do.	Benjamin Wheeler	Northbridge Mass.
Richmond Do. Do.	Levi Wheeler	Richmond N. H.
Bolton Do. Do.	James N. Frye	Bolton Mass.

Vassalboro' Quarterly Meeting

	Correspondents	Post Office Address	
Vassalboro' Monthly Meeting	Daniel Taber	Vassalboro'	Me.
China Do. Do.	Stephen Jones Jr.	Palermo	"
Unity Do. Do.	Joseph Taber	Albion	"

Dover Quarterly Meeting

Dover Monthly Meeting	Joseph Tuttle	Dover	N. H.
Berwick Monthly Meeting	John D. Lang	North Berwick	Me.
Sandwich Do. Do.	Benjamin Frye	Centre Sandwich	N. H.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting

Sidney Monthly Meeting	Samuel Taylor Jr.	Fairfield	Me.
Litchfield Do. Do.	Elijah Pope	Hallowell Cross Roads	"
St. Albans Do. Do.	David Douglas	East St. Albans	"

It is requested, in order that Certificates from other Yearly Meetings, may duly reach the Meetings to which they are directed within the limits of this, that they be addressed or sent to one of these Friends."

And the clerk is directed to forward copies of the foregoing Extracts to our several Monthly Meetings.

The Representatives to our last Yearly Meeting inform they all attended, but that one of their number to wit; Jonathan Nichols absented himself after the two first sittings of the meeting for business, without liberty of the Yearly Meeting.

Circumstances having arisen at our meeting yesterday of an embarrassing nature, on account of which, friends considered it advisable to adjourn without proceeding to business, this meeting after taking the subject into consideration appoints Nathan Breed of Lynn, Stephen A. Chase, Samuel Boyce, Goold Brown & Estes Newhall, to unite with the women, & prepare a suitable minute to be placed upon our records, relative to what then took place, and present it to our next Quarterly Meeting —

The business being closed at this time we conclude; purposing to meet again in Weare at the usual time in the 10 mo. next —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Samuel Boyce Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Weare 16th of 10 mo. 1845 —

By accounts received from our several monthly meetings, the Representatives therein named are —

For Salem, Enoch Page, Abijah Chase, Micajah C. Pratt, and Nathan Breed —

For Seabrook, William B. Thompson, Jacob Easty, and Thomas Folsom —

For Weare, Abijah Johnson, Nathan Sawyer, Samuel Osborn 2nd, Henod Chase and Joseph Hoag

Who are all present but two —

Our Esteemed friend Lemuel Gifford attended this meeting, and presented a minute from Sandwich Monthly meeting, Mass. held the 3d of the present month, expressive of their concurrence with him, in his prospect of a religious visit amongst us;

His company and religious services have been acceptable —

Our esteemed friend Newell Hoxie companion to Samuel Gifford also attended this meeting & produced a minute of concurrence from Sandwich monthly meeting Mass. His company has been acceptable to us —

The Queries have been read at this time with the required answers from our monthly meetings —

The Subject of the approval of the public appearances in the ministry of Elizabeth Page, by Weare Monthly Meeting, again claiming our attention, after a time of consideration thereon, it was concluded to defer it untill our next Quarterly Meeting —

The committee to unite with the Women in order to prepare a suitable minute to be placed upon record relative to the circumstances which caused the adjournment of our last Quarterly Meeting, inform that they have not been unmindful of their appointment; but not being prepared to report at this time, they are continued —

Salem Monthly meeting informs that they are united in disapproving the public appearances in the ministry of Nathan Page; and in displacing Jonathan Nichols from the Station of an Elder; Which is united with by this & the womens Quarterly meeting; and the clerk is directed to give the necessary information —

A communication from our last Yearly Meeting is rec^d at this time as follows. viz —

"Yearly Meeting 6mo — 1845 —

The clerk is requested where there have been instances of Representatives absenting themselves from this meeting, without rendering satisfactory reasons therefor, to inform the respective Quarterly Meetings from which they came of the fact —

From the Minutes of said Meeting
Abr^m Shearman Jr. Clerk

In compliance with the above request, Salem Quarterly Meeting is informed, that after the first days' sitting of the Yearly Meeting one of its Representatives (viz. Jonathan Nichols), was absent without any satisfactory reason given —

A. Shearman Jun^r. Clerk"

A satisfactory reason is at this time offered for the absence of one of the Representatives at the first sitting of our last Quarterly Meeting and also for the absence of one at the present time —

Returning minutes have been prepared at this time on behalf of our friends Lemuel Gifford and Newell Hoxie; which being read and approved the clerk was directed to sign them on behalf of this Meeting —

The business being closed at this time we

conclude; purposing to meet again in Salem at the usual time in the 1 mo. next —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Samuel Boyce Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Salem 15th of 1 mo. 1846 —

By accounts received from our several monthly meetings the Representatives therein named are; For Salem, Micajah C. Pratt, Enoch Page, Jonathan Buxton jr. Solomon Varney, and Samuel Neall —

For Seabrook, Newell Ordway, Moses Huntington jr, & Robert Brown —

For Weare, Herrod Chase, Thomas W. Thorndike, Elijah Johnson, Joshua Page, and Nathan G. Chase jr. who are all present —

Our Esteemed friend Cornelius Douglas attended this meeting, and produced a certificate from Vassalboro monthly meeting, held in the 5 mo. 1845, & endorsed by Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting held also in the 5 mo. all expressive of their unity with him in his prospect of a religious visit amongst us; His company and religious services have been acceptable —

Our Esteemed friend James Jones also attended this meeting, and produced a minute from China monthly meeting, expressive of their unity with him in his prospect of a religious visit amongst us; his company and religious services have been acceptable —

Our esteemed friends Daniel Taber companion to Cornelius Douglas, and Elisha Jones companion to James Jones also attended this meeting, and produced minutes of concurrence from the monthly meetings of which they are members — Their company has been acceptable to us —

The Queries have been read at this time with the required answers from our several monthly meetings —

The subject of the approval of the public appearances in the ministry of Elizabeth Page by Weare Monthly Meeting, again claiming the consideration of this meeting, after a time of solid deliberation thereon, it was united with by this, & the womens Quarterly Meeting; and the clerk was directed to give the necessary information —

The committee to prepare a suitable minute to be placed upon record relative to the circumstances which caused the adjournment of our Quarterly Meeting in the 6 mo. last presented the following; viz — "At our Quarterly Meeting in the 6 mo. last circumstances having arisen which caused an adjournment of the meeting, and a few of our members having formed themselves into a separate body calling themselves Salem Quarterly Meeting, we deem it proper to place upon our records the following statement of what then took place — A company of from

15 to 18 individuals, male & female attended said meeting from some other parts of our Yearly Meeting, most or all of whom it is believed stood in the capacity of a committee from the body of Seceders, who call themselves New England Yearly Meeting — Among this company was John Wilbur, who had been disowned from our Society — Several others of their number had also, either been disowned, or were under dealing by the Monthly Meetings to which they severally belonged; and when the Meeting for business was opened, these individuals continued to keep their seats contrary to the good order and discipline of our Society — In the men's meeting the opening minute being read, Friends concluded they could not proceed with their business, while those were present who were not members of our Society, and they were very tenderly, yet unwaveringly requested to withdraw; They stated they were a committee from New England Yearly Meeting, and one of their company laid upon the clerks' table a paper which they requested should be read saying it was a minute of their appointment; But the meeting concluded it could proceed with no business, while individuals were present, who had been disowned, or were under dealing; and after sitting about five hours it was concluded to adjourn to meet again the next morning at the 9th hour —

During the time the meeting was thus held in suspense, charges were made by the individuals who had thus intruded upon us, against our yearly meeting, of a departure from our principles, and the provisions of our discipline, and of adopting views & sentiments at variance with the ancient doctrines of our Society; all of which charges we believe to be destitute of foundation —

The Clerk having informed that a minute of adjournment was prepared, George F. Read a member of Salem Monthly Meeting commenced reading a paper, which stated, that the Clerk of the Quarterly Meeting, having identified himself with the Separatists, and thereby disqualified himself from acting in that capacity, he was himself appointed clerk for one year —

While he was reading his paper the Clerk was requested to read the minute of adjournment, which being done friends withdrew from the house leaving with the company who had thus intruded upon us, about fifteen or sixteen of our members, part males, & part females, and a very few young friends, who it is believed stopped from curiosity —

In the Womens' meeting, proceedings substantially the same as in the mens' took place; excepting that no persons pretended to act as clerk for the seceders, and no accusations of unsoundness, are recollected to have been definitely made —

The small number of our own members who

remained in the house, aided and encouraged by John Wilbur and those with him, formed what they denominate Salem Quarterly Meeting; held as we adjourned in unity with & subordination to the company of separatists who call themselves New England yearly meeting; and after sitting a short time they adjourned to meet again the next in another house. The day following friends met in their meeting house at the time to which they had adjourned, and accomplished the business of the Quarterly meeting in much harmony, and without any further interruption; the company who had the day before claimed to be a Committee from New England Yearly Meeting not being present, neither did they make any communication whatever to the Meeting."

Which being satisfactory to the meeting was accepted & directed to be placed upon record.

Returning minutes on behalf of our Friends Cornelius Douglas & James Jones; and their companions David Faber & Elisha Jones were read & approved, & the Clerk was directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting.

The business being closed at this time, we conclude; purposing to meet again in Seabrook at the usual time in the 5th month next.

Signed on behalf of the meeting.
Samuel Boyce
Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Seabrook 25th of 5 mo. 1840 –

By accounts received from our several monthly meetings, the Representatives therein named are –

For Salem, Ichabod Nichols, Abijah Chase, Solomon Varney, Estes Newhall, Nathan Breed, Micajah C. Pratt, and James Breed Jr –

For Seabrook, Robert Brown, Daniel Beede, and Moses Huntington Jr –

For Weare, Herrod Chase, Daniel Gove, Abijah Johnson, and Micajah Breed; who are all present –

The Queries were read at this time with the answers thereto; from which a summary is prepared for the Yearly Meeting to be held on Rhode-Island in the 6mo. next – and Estes Newhall, Samuel Boyce, Newell Ordway, Joshua Page, Nathan Breed of Lynn, Nathan H. Chase, David Chase, Oliver P. Rogers, and Micajah C. Pratt, are appointed to attend said meeting as Representatives –

Salem Monthly Meeting informs that they have appointed Nathan Breed and Mary E. Breed to the Station of elders; and Seabrook monthly meeting informs that they have appointed William Rogers to that Station; which appointments being severally considered, after a time of solid deliberation thereon, were united with by this & the Womens' Quarterly Meeting; and the clerk was directed to give the necessary information –

An account is at this time received from Salem Monthly Meeting relative to the separation which has taken place within its limits, which the clerk is directed to place upon file; and he is directed to forward a copy thereof to our yearly meeting, together with a copy of the minute entered upon our records at our Quarterly Meeting in the 1 mo. last, relative to the Separation in this Quarterly meeting — The clerk is also directed to inform the yearly Meeting that a meeting is still kept up by the separatists, which they denominate Salem Quarterly Meeting —

The business being closed at this time, we conclude, purposing to meet again in Lynn at the usual time in the 8 mo. next —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting —
Samuel Boyce — Clerk

Summary —

Ans. 1 — All our meetings have been attended, except one small midweek meeting for worship, which owing to the inclemency of the weather, was in one instance omitted — Those on first days generally by most of our members, except a few in one of our monthly meetings, who have left us, and attend separate Meetings under our name, on which account some care has been taken — Meetings for discipline are not so fully attended; Other midweek meetings, continue to be neglected by many; most friends are careful to observe the hour; unbecoming behaviour generally guarded against, except a few instances of Sleeping —

Ans. 2 — With the exception of those who have separated from us, and a few others, love and unity are in good measure maintained, and detraction generally guarded against; yet more watchfulness herein is necessary — When differences have arisen, endeavors have been used to end them —

Ans. 3 — Most friends are careful to bring up those under their care in plainness, to restrain them from pernicious reading, and corrupt conversation, are good examples herein themselves; while others are remiss in these respects; The Holy Scriptures are we believe, frequently read in most friends families —

Ans. 4th — We believe that friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except for medicine and the unnecessary frequenting of taverns, and places of public resort, with a very few exceptions; careful in the other parts of this Query —

Ans. 5th — Care is taken in these respects —

Ans. 6th — Friends are generally careful in these respects, except a few instances of keeping company on account of marriage out of Society, and two instances of marrying out of the order of friends, with those not in membership; On which accounts some care has been taken —

Ans. 7th — We know of no violation of our testimony in these respects —

Ans. 8th — We believe friends are careful in the several parts of this duty; with a few exceptions are some care taken —

Ans. 9th — Marriages duly recorded; Births, deaths, & burials, not fully so; a few instances of removal without certificates —

Ans. 10th — There is a concern to deal with offenders in the manner queried after; and to endeavour to move in the proper time; yet we are sensible of weakness in the discharge of this important duty —

We believe judgment has been placed according to discipline —

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2 At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Lynn 20th of 8 mo. 1846 —

By accounts received from our several monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named are —

For Salem, Daniel Johnson, Enoch Page, John Gove, Samuel Neall, & Solomon Varney —

For Seabrook, Oliver D. Rogers, Moses Huntington Jr and Robert Brown —

For Weare, Abijah Johnson, Samuel Osborn 2nd Ephraim Leighton, & Joseph Hoag —

Who are all present — —

The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed, the Representatives have proposed

Samuel Boyce for Clerk, and William H Chase for assistant; Which being approved by the Meeting, they are accordingly appointed to that Station for one year—

Our beloved friend Rowland Greene attended this Meeting, and produced a minute from Greenwich Monthly Meeting held the 29th of 6 mo. expressive of their unity with him in his prospect of a religious visit amongst us; His company and religious services have been acceptable—

Our esteemed friend Caleb H. Paine companion to Rowland Greene, also attended this Meeting, and produced a minute of concurrence from Providence Monthly Meeting— His company has been acceptable to us—

Our esteemed friend Eli Jones also attended this Meeting, and produced a minute from China Monthly meeting held the 15th of the present month, expressive of their unity with him in his prospect of a religious visit amongst us— His company and religious services have been acceptable—

We have also the company of our esteemed friends Anna Varney from Sandwich Monthly Meeting N. H. and Ruth H. Baker from Sandwich Monthly Meeting Mass. who have produced minutes of concurrence from those monthly meetings respectively, expressive of their unity with them in their prospects of a religious visit amongst us— Their company and religious services have been acceptable—

Our esteemed friend David H. Aikin companion to Ruth H. Baker also attended this Meeting, and produced a Minute of concurrence from Sandwich Monthly Meeting Mass. His company has been acceptable to us.

The Queries have been read at this time with the required answers from our Monthly Meetings.

We have received at this time from our Yearly Meeting about 500 copies of the London printed Epistle for the year 1845. One of which has been read to our Satisfaction, and the clerk is directed to forward them to our Monthly Meetings.

We have also received at this time from our Yearly Meeting copies of an Epistle addressed to our Quarterly & Monthly Meetings, one of which has been read at this time to our satisfaction. Viz.

"At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 14th to the 19th inclusive of the 6 mo. 1846.

To the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

Being again favored to meet in this our annual assembly, and to partake sweetly of the sustaining bread of life through the unmerited mercy of our Heavenly Father, who in condescending love has extended his wing of goodness over us, you dear absent friends, have been brought very feelingly before us, and we have felt concerned to salute you in the fellowship of the unchanging truth, and to endeavor to convey to you a little of the exercises of this meeting, and of the comforts of which we have been at this time permitted to be partakers. We have been made renewedly to feel, and we crave that it may be abidingly impressed upon our hearts, that all our sure mercies come from God; that He alone can direct us aright, and that it is only, as we are engaged to look unto Him, continuing steadfastly in watchfulness unto prayer, that we can witness preservation. Many are the evils that abound in the world – multiplied are the snares and temptations that surround us – and very fervent are our desires that, abiding in lowliness of mind, we may sit as at the feet of the blessed Savior, waiting to hear the gracious words that proceed out of his mouth –

In the solemn and important engagement of investigating the state of Society as presented to us at this time, we have been we trust, exercised before the Lord, and have witnessed his spirit to be near us, under the influence of which his servants have been qualified to impart pertinent counsel and exhortation, which we desire may be productive of good – Under this engagement, parents were earnestly entreated to be faithful in the duty of attending all our religious meetings to offer unto our Heavenly Father the reasonable service of worship and praise, under a sense of our dependence upon Him; and they were impressively exhorted to be very careful to take their tender offspring with them; that as it pleaseth the Lord often to visit the minds of children in very early life, a lasting blessing might be received by them from this religious care of their parents— We were tenderly and impressively warned to guard against pernicious reading, in the various forms in which it abounds at the present day; not only of that reading which is of a light and frivolous character of a general nature, but also of that to which of later time we have been peculiarly exposed, and which is calculated to lessen our attachment, to the Truth, and to prejudice our minds in relation to those who feel bound, under much suffering, faithfully to support it, and the precious testimonies and order of our religious Society— A living concern was felt that Friends might promote in their families the diligent reading of the Holy Scriptures with hearts turned to Him who in the riches of his mercy was pleased to inspire his servants of old to write them, and who has preserved them for our instruction in righteousness unto the present day, and who condescends to open and apply their precious contents to the humble seeking mind— We were feelingly cited to our individual experience, when, in the day of our espousals we were visited by the Spirit of the Lord, and in tenderness before him, we entered into holy covenant to serve Him, and were earnestly entreated to yield unreservedly to the requirements of truth, that He who has begun a good work in our hearts may carry it on untill the day of Jesus Christ— The young were affectionately encouraged to look confidingly unto the Lord for preservation & for Strength, that in the end they may wear a Crown of Life —

And dear young friends, wherever situated, under the feelings of constraining love, you are now brought near to us, and we are drawn fervently to exhort you to beware of the whisperings of our subtle foe, who would lead you to believe it would be allowable for you for the present to turn aside from the safe and narrow way to which in after time you can readily return, or who would insinuate that the self-denying path is too limited for you in the strength of your youth to walk in — He that thus speaks to you is a deceiver — The longer you deviate from this path the more difficult will be your return — the harder the struggles through which you will have to pass, if, happily, you are ever restored to the safe enclosure — Submit now in the morning of your days to the circumscribing power of truth —

An early sacrifice is acceptable unto the Lord; and you will witness, as you yield to the requirements of duty, that the yoke of Christ is easy, and his burden light — that the ways of wisdom are pleasantness and all her paths peace —

Finally dear friends, of every age, may we be humbled under a sense of the goodness of our Heavenly Father — may we rejoice with trembling in contemplating the provisions of his mercy in Christ Jesus our Saviour. May we submit ourselves in simplicity unto the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, the gift of the Father and the Son, and walking in the meekness of wisdom before men, show forth in all our lives and conversation that we are the humble followers of a meek and crucified Saviour.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Yearly Meeting.
Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk
Hannah Gould Jr. Clerk"

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, together with copies of the report of our Boarding School Committee & the names of a committee on education have also been received and read; And the Clerk is directed to forward copies thereof to our several monthly Meetings. They are as follows viz."

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island in the 6mo. 1846.

The Committee having the Superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence presented their annual report, which was read; and while the care thus manifested by the Committee is satisfactory to this Meeting, yet, in view of the importance of the concern and with desires that the greatest amount of good may be dispensed to the members of our religious Society, from an Institution established, as we doubt not, in best wisdom, and endowed and cherished by beloved friends, deeply concerned for the promotion of truth and the preservation and guarded education of the children of this Society, we are induced now to appoint our Friends × × × × × × × a Committee to take the whole Subject into their solid consideration; and if, after careful deliberation, they are prepared to propose any change, either in the Committee, or in the manner of their discharging the duties of their appointment, or to make any other suggestion that they apprehend will promote the interests of the Institution, they are requested to report the Same to a future Sitting of this Meeting—

At a subsequent Sitting, the Committee to whom this subject was referred presented the following Report. Viz—

"To the Yearly Meeting—

The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the Report of the School Committee, and who were requested to make any suggestion that they might deem important in relation to the welfare of the School and promotion of the best interests of the Institution Report:

That they have given to the subject their careful deliberation, and are united in making the following propositions to the Yearly Meeting, viz—

In order to effect a more direct responsibility on the part of those appointed by the Yearly Meeting to superintend the School, and to induce greater efficiency of action in the direction and management of its affairs, we would propose that a small Committee of twelve of each sex, should be appointed by the Yearly Meeting, to whom should be committed the care & superintendence of the Institution, six of whom (three of each sex) should be released from the charge and six others substituted annually — These six should be eligible to reappointment after one year, and the others continue to be released in rotation from year to year —

It should be understood that this Committee should give their personal attention closely to the School, and should meet there monthly and appoint of their number such as they should deem proper to have the more immediate charge thereof during the recess of their meetings — They should visit the Schools to know for themselves their true State, by attending them during School hours, and by witnessing, advising, and directing in relation to the process of instruction, and they should judge of the standing and progress of the children, and enter into free intercourse with them and their teachers — They should advise with and direct the Superintendents respecting the expenditures and domestic management of the family, and endeavor to feel and exercise an individual interest in the various concerns of the Institution —

We would also propose that the Yearly Meeting should appoint a General Committee on education, to be composed of Friends from the several Quarter-by Meetings, to promote the guarded education of our children, both in the Boarding School, and in Monthly Meeting, Preparative Meeting, and family Schools, in accordance with the concern long felt by the Yearly Meeting — This Committee on education should meet and consult with the School Committee at the time of our Yearly Meeting at Newport, and also, at the School at the time of the examination in the tenth month at the close of the Summer term — Both Committees should freely communicate with each other, and thereby endeavor to promote the guarded, religious education of the youth of our society — The whole to be subject to the direction and control of the Yearly Meeting annually — On behalf of the Committee

Rowland Greene
Newport 6 mo 8. 1846 — Sophronia Page"

Which was fully considered and united with, and the propositions therein contained adopted by the Meeting; and the same Friends who presented the Report were requested to produce to our next sitting the names of suitable Friends to constitute the two Committees proposed to be appointed by this Meeting —

The Report of the Boarding School Committee for the last year being approved was directed to be recorded, and transmitted by the Clerk to our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings —

"To the Yearly Meeting.

The Boarding School Committee, report, that they have endeavored the past year to discharge the duties entrusted to them by the Yearly Meeting in superintending the concerns of the Institution.

Religious meetings have been regularly held in the house except during vacations. The average number of Scholars the past year has been Eighty four.

The Schools have been examined at the close of each term by a committee appointed for the purpose, from whose reports it appears that the evidence afforded of diligence and proficiency on the part of the pupils, and ability and faithfulness on that of the teachers, were satisfactory and encouraging.

Instruction continues to be given in the languages when desired on the same conditions as heretofore, to wit; five Dollars a term additional charge.

The Treasurers' and Superintendent's accounts have been examined and settled, by which it appears that the income of the School for the last year has been $\overset{\$}{9534},\overset{ct}{93}$, and the expenditures $\overset{\$}{11131},\overset{ct}{39}$; leaving a balance in the treasury of $\overset{\$}{2886},\overset{ct}{74}$.

We would propose that the terms for board and tuition be the same as last year, to wit, thirty Dollars a term for members of this Yearly Meeting, Forty Five Dollars for those who are not members, one or both of whose parents are members, and Fifty Dollars, for members of other other Yearly Meetings, books and

Stationary being furnished as at present — We would also propose that each Monthly Meeting have the privilege of sending one Scholar a term free of expense, as last year, and that they occupy this privelege either in the winter term, or in the Summer term next succeeding; and the Monthly Meetings are desired should they deem it best not to send Scholar till the Summer term, to inform the acting Committee at its meeting in the tenth month —

Our friends Olney and Lydia Thompson are engaged as Superintendents, and Charles Atherton, Samuel Austin, and Edward Hoag as teachers in the boy's School, and Mary Atherton, and Gertrude Whittier in the Girls' — William Nicholson was also employed as a teacher in the boy's School, during the Summer term of the past year —

Since our last Report, the Committee have made several valuable additions to the philosophical apparatus belonging to the Institution —

Although the number of Scholars has been somewhat larger during the past than the preceding year, yet the Committee regret that no more of the children of Friends enjoy the advantages which the Institution affords for a thorough School education, free in good measure from the corrupting influences of the world — The improved condition of Schools both public & private, within the limits of New England, may seem to have diminished the necessity of placing our Children in the Boarding School; but we believe that most of these Schools will be found to exercise an influence adverse to our Christian profession, and many of them to expose the susceptible minds of our youth to those corrupting associations from which it has ever been the concern of Friends carefully to guard them — The religious concern for the guarded education of our children, which the principal donors to the School fund uniformly manifested, we hope will be steadily borne in mind by all those upon whom devolve the parental care and guardianship of the young; that the substantial advantages so liberally placed within their reach may be reaped to a greater extent, in time to come —

Signed by direction and on behalf of the School Committee —

Jonathan L. Slocum, Clerk

Boarding School 5 mo. 8th, 1846 —

The Committee to whom it was referred to produce to this Meeting the names of suitable Friends to constitute a School Committee, propose the following, to wit —

Perez Peck, Samuel Boyd Tobey, John Meader, Samuel Taylor jr. John Osborne, Joseph Metcalf, Samuel Boyce, John D. Lang, William A. Robinson, Stephen A. Chase, David Buffum, Rowland Greene,

Elizabeth Meader, Eliza B. Boyce, Sarah F.

Tobey, Lydia Congdon, Sophronia Page, Susan Howland, Joanna Peck, Eunice Metcalf, Ann Elmira Lang, Eliza A. Osborne, Mary Shove, Mary B. Allen —

Which being satisfactory, they are appointed a committee to act on our behalf in the care and superintendence of the Boarding School, agreeably to a proposal adopted by this Meeting yesterday: and they are requested to render such personal attention at the Institution as they may be able to do giving such advice and directions in the various concerns thereof, as they may deem calculated to promote its interests in accordance with the original Concern of this Meeting in establishing a School for the guarded religious education of the Youth of our Society, and report to this Meeting next year —

The following Friends (being two of each sex from each Monthly Meeting) are proposed to constitute a Committee on education to wit: —

Rhode-Island Quarter — Moses H. Beede, Jethro F. Mitchell, Timothy C. Collins, Benjamin Greene, Jervis Shove, Thomas G. Gifford, Gilbert Congdon, James Denniss —

Elizabeth Wing, Mary Williams, Emma L. Chase, Sarah Slade, Elizabeth Peckham, Freelove Greene, Mary W. Smith, & Anna J. Denniss —

Salem — William H. Chase, Nathan Breed of Lynn, Moses Huntington jun.r, Sewell Ordway, Harrod Chase, Joshua Page —

Elizabeth H. Chase, Mary E. Breed, Elizabeth Gove, Susan L. Brown, Alice Page, Anna Johnson—

Sandwich— George Howland Jr. Charles R. Tucker, Newell Hoxie, Ebenezer Wing, William Mitchell, Abraham C. Wing, George Wing, George W. Francis, John Macomber, Alden Davis, Calvin Shepherd, Moses F. Rogers—

Sarah Anthony, Dorcas F. Tucker, Rebecca C. Hoxie, Mercy H. Wing, Sarah Barnard, Lydia Mitchell, Mary Wing, Phebe A. Gifford, Barbary Gifford, Rebecca Church, Sarah J. Brown, Mary Shepherd—

Falmouth— Abraham Winslow, Joseph Cartland, Nathan Pope, Samuel Jones of Windham, Caleb Jones, Henry M. Minot, Nathan Douglas, Samuel Jones of Brunswick—

Mary Brackett, Susan B. Cartland, Lydia Allen, Sarah W. Pope, Lydia C. Jones, Jane E. Minot, Eunice J. Rich, Hannah B. Jones—

Smithfield— Arnold Aldrich 2nd Thomas Grover, Edward Earle, Paul Wing, John E. Fry, David Babcock—

Catharine Comstock, Abigail Inman, Ann B. Earle, Elizabeth Southwick, Rachel F. Holder, Sarah C. Fry—

Vassalboro— Moses Taber, Thomas S. Nichols, Eli Jones, Lot Jones, Joseph Taber, Asa Jones—

Lydia B. Fry, Theodate S. Pope, Mary Cook, Mary B. Jones, Deborah B. Warren, Jane H. Jones—

Dover— Benjamin Frye, Stephen Beede, Walter Sawyer, Benjamin H. Jones, Benajah Buffum, Peter M. Neal—

Abigail Beede, Sarah Hoag, Abigail M. Hanson, Hannah G. Sawyer, Hannah Morrill, Lydia C. Neall—

Fairfield— Joseph Taylor, George Richardson, Alden Sampson, Jacob Pope, Daniel R. Bailey, David Douglas—

Olive Wing, Lydia Taylor, Sarah T. Sampson, Lucy J. Hawkes, Phebe Bailey, Chloe Douglas—

—Who are satisfactory to this Meeting, and they are appointed to attend to the general service of promoting the guarded education of our Youth, particularly as indicated in the minute made yesterday, proposing such an appointment, and they are requested to report to this Meeting next year— The Clerk is directed to make the necessary extracts from our minutes on these subjects, and forward them, together with the names of the Committees now appointed, to our subordinate Meetings—

Signed by direction of the Yearly Meeting,
Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk
Hannah Gould Jr. Clerk

Note— Wingate Frost, Limington, Maine, is appointed correspondent of Limington Monthly Meeting—"

The following Extract from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting was also received at this time. viz— "At our Yearly Meeting of

Friends for New England, held in the Sixth. mo. 186

It was concluded to raise Twenty Five Hundred Dollars, for the Service of this Meeting for the ensuing year, which our several Quarterly Meetings were requested to forward to David Buffum our Treasurer according to the apportionment established this year —

Salem Quarterly Meeting's proportion is Four hundred and Seventy five Dollars (19 per ct.) —

From the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting
Samuel Boyd Tobey, Clerk" —

And it appearing that this Meeting's proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock is 475 Dollars, our several monthly Meetings were requested to forward their proportions of said sums to Abijah Chase, Treasurer of this meeting

Salem's proportion 40 pct is	— 190 Dolls
Weare's proportion 40 pct. is	— 190 "
Seabrook's proportion 20 pct. is	— 95 "

Returning minutes on behalf of our friends, Anna Varney, Ruth H. Baker, and David H. Aikin companion to said Ruth H Baker, being read and approved, the clerk was directed to sign them on behalf of this Meeting —

The Representatives to our last Yearly Meeting inform they all attended —

The business being closed at this time, we conclude; purposing to meet again in Weare, at the usual time in the 10 mo next —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting. Samuel Boyce

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Weare, 15th of 10. mo 1846 –

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named are –

For Salem, Abijah Chase, Enoch Page, John B. Chase, Micajah C. Pratt, and John Buxton Jr –

For Seabrook, Moses Huntington Jr, William B. Thompson, and Thomas Folsom –

For Weare, Samuel Osborn 2d Moses Green, Herrod Chase, Joshua Page, and Nathan Sawyer of Henniker, who are all present but one –

The Queries have been read at this time with the required answers thereto from our Monthly Meetings –

Weare Monthly Meeting informs that they are united in the appointment of Moses Green to the Station of an Elder, which after a time of solid consideration, was approved by this and the womens' Quarterly Meeting, and the clerk is directed to give the necessary information –

We have received at this time from our Meeting for Sufferings about 475 copies of the London printed Epistle for the present year, one of which has been read to our satisfaction; and the clerk is directed to forward them to our monthly meetings –

A returning minute on behalf of Eli Jones who attended our Quarterly Meeting in the 8 mo. last, being read and approved, the clerk was directed to

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sign it on behalf of this Meeting —

The business being closed at this time, we conclude; purposing to meet again in Salem at the usual time in the 1 mo. next —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Samuel Boyce
Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held in Salem 21st of 1 mo. 1847 —

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named are —

For Salem, Estes Newhall, Enoch Page, Ezra Johnson, Daniel Breed, Solomon Varney, and Samuel Neall —

For Seabrook, Josiah D. Chellis, Sewall Ordway, and Moses Huntington Jr —

For Weare — Ephraim Laughton, Moses Greene, John Peasley, and Daniel Page 3d — who are all present —

Our esteemed friend Reuben Jones attended this Meeting and produced a minute of concurrence from Litchfield Monthly Meeting held in the 11 mo. last, expressive of their unity with him in his prospect of a religious visit amongst us — His company and religious services have been acceptable —

Our esteemed friend Mary B. Allen also attended this Meeting, and produced a minute of concurrence from Smithfield Monthly Meeting, expressive of their unity with her in her prospect of a religious visit amongst us. her company and religious services have been acceptable

The Queries have been read at this time with the required answers from our Monthly Meetings.

Weare Monthly Meeting informs, that they are united in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Daniel Page 3rd And that they are also united in the appointment of Mary Buxton to the station of an elder;

Which conclusions after a time of solid consideration were severally united with by this and the womens' Quarterly Meeting; and the clerk is directed to give the necessary information.

Returning minutes on behalf of our friends Rowland Greene, and his companion Caleb M. Paine, who attended our Quarterly Meeting in the 8 mo. last and have also attended nearly all the Meetings constituting this Quarter, were read and approved; and the clerk was directed to sign them on behalf of this Meeting.

A returning minute on behalf of our friend Mary B. Allen, being read and approved the clerk was directed to sign it on behalf of this Meeting.

The business being closed at this time, we conclude; purposing to meet again in Seabrook at the usual time in the 5 mo. next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Samuel Boyce Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Seabrook 27th of 5 mo 1847 —

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named are —

For Salem John B. Chase, Enoch Page, Estes Newhall, Solomon Varney, and Stephen A. Chase —

For Seabrook, Oliver D. Rogers, Robert Brown, and Daniel Beede —

For Weare, Ephraim Leighton, Joshua Page, and Daniel Page 3d who are all present —

The Queries have been read in this meeting, with answers thereto from our Monthly Meetings, from which a Summary is prepared for the Yearly Meeting to be held on R. I. in the 6 mo next — And William H. Chase, Samuel Cilley, Ephraim Leighton, Enoch Page, Micajah C. Pratt, Stephen A. Chase, Oliver D. Rogers, and Joshua Page, are appointed to attend said Meeting as Representatives —

Weare Monthly Meeting informs that they are united in the appointment of Ephraim Leighton, to the Station of an elder; which after a time of solid consideration was united with by this and the women's Quarterly Meeting — And the clerk was directed to give the necessary information —

A testimony from Weare Monthly Meeting concerning our late beloved friend John Page, was at this time read, and was approved by this and the women's Quarterly Meeting — And the clerk was directed to make an endorsement thereon, certifying our approval thereof, and Sign it on behalf of this Meeting, and forward it to our Meeting for Sufferings—

A returning minute on behalf of our friend Reuben Jones being read and approved, the clerk was directed to Sign it on our behalf—

A Report from this Meeting, to our next Yearly Meeting, being read and approved, the clerk was directed to Sign it on behalf of this Meeting—

The business being closed at this time, we conclude; purposing to meet again in Lynn at the usual time in the 8 mo. next—

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Samuel Boyce Clerk

Summary—

Ans. 1— Our religious Meetings both for worship and Discipline have all been attended— A few of our members continue to attend separate Meetings held within the limits of one of our monthly Meetings under our name— With this exception, those on first days are generally attended by most of our members whose health permits; Those for discipline are not so fully attended, and other midweek Meetings are much neglected by many— The hour is generally observed, yet a few are deficient herein; Unbecoming behavior generally guarded against except a few instances of Sleeping, on account of which some care has been extended—

Ans. 2 – Love and unity are we believe generally maintained amongst us, although they are much wanting with a few – There is a concern to guard against detraction, though more watchfulness herein is necessary – When differences have arisen endeavors have been used to end them –

Ans. 3 – There is a concern with friends to bring up those under their direction, in plainness of speech, behavior, and apparel; to restrain them from pernicious reading and from corrupt conversation, and to be good examples herein themselves; yet we are sensible of the want of more care and concern in these respects –

We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families, altho' we fear there may be a few exceptions, in this respect –

Ans. 4 – Friends are careful to confine the use of Spirituous liquors to medicinal purposes with few exceptions, and some care taken – The unnecessary frequenting of Taverns and places of public resort mostly avoided, and moderation and temperance are observed on account of births, marriages, burials, & on other occasions –

Ans. 5 – Care is taken in these respects, except a few instances of minors being out from among Friends in one Monthly Meeting –

Ans 6 – There is a good degree of care in these respects though one or two instances of keeping company out of Society on account of marriage are noticed ing our Monthly Meeting

Ans. 7th We know of no violation of our testimony in these respects, except two instances of a military nature, and some care taken

Ans. 8th We believe Friends are generally careful in these respects, though an exception of one instance in one of our Meetings, in the maintainance of the several particulars of this Query is noticed

Ans. 9th Marriages are all recorded, and we believe our records of births and deaths of latter time are nearly complete; A few removals without certificates

Ans 10th Care is taken to deal with offenders we trust in good measure as queried after, and there is a concern to move in the right time; Yet we are sensible of weakness and falling short, in the full discharge of this duty; we believe Judgment has been placed in a good measure according to Discipline

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At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Lynn, 19th of 8 mo. 1847

By accounts received from our several monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named are

For Salem, Gould Brown, Ezra Johnson, Daniel Osborne, Abijah Chase, and Micajah C. Pratt,

For Seabrook, Oliver O. Rogers, Moses Huntington jr Daniel Peede, and Edward Gove

For Weare, Herrod Chase, Thomas W. Thorndike, and Daniel Page 3d who are all present—

The time having expired for which the clerks were appointed, the Representatives have proposed Samuel Boyce for clerk, and William H. Chase for assistant; which being approved by the meeting, they are accordingly appointed to that service for one year—

Our esteemed friend Daniel Williams, attended this meeting, & produced a minute from West Grove Monthly meeting, Wayne County, Indiana, held in the 2 mo. last endorsed by White Water Quarterly Meeting informing that he is a minister in unity, and expressive of their concurrence with him in his prospect of a religious visit amongst us— His company and religious services have been acceptable—

Our esteemed friends Lindley M. Hoag, from Sandwich Monthly Meeting N. H. and Nathan Douglas from Durham Monthly Meeting, are also at this time with us, and have produced minutes of concurrence from the monthly meetings, of which they are members respectively— Their company and religious services have been acceptable to us—

Our esteemed friend John Maxwell, companion to Daniel Williams, also attended this meeting, and produced a minute of concurrence from West Grove Monthly Meeting, Indiana, informing that he is an elder in unity— His company has been acceptable—

Our esteemed friend Phebe R. Gifford also attended this meeting, and produced a minute of concurrence from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting expressive of their unity with her, in her prospect of a religious visit amongst us. Her company and religious services have been acceptable. And the meeting is informed, that she has attended Weare Monthly Meeting, and some of the meetings belonging thereto; and that her company and religious services were acceptable to them.

The Queries have been read at this time with the required answers from the several Monthly Meetings.

Seabrook Monthly Meeting informs, that Eli Beede appeals from the judgment of that Meeting against him to this monthly Meeting. Whereupon we appoint Nathan Breed of Lynn, Stephen A. Chase, Estes Newhall, Ephraim Leighton, Jerrod Chase, and Thomas W. Thorndike, to hear said appellant, and the committee appointed to represent Seabrook Monthly Meeting, and report their judgment in the case at our next Quarterly Meeting.

Seabrook Monthly Meeting informs, that they are united in the appointment of Cynthia W. Huntington to the Station of an elder; Which after a time of solid deliberation thereon, was united with by this, and the women's Quarterly Meeting; and the clerk was directed to give the necessary information.

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting together with the Report of our Boarding School Committee were received at this time as follows, viz.

"At our Yearly-Meeting of Friends for New-England, held on Rhode-Island, in the 6th Month, 1847.

The Clerk was directed to forward the following extracts from our minutes to our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings. Viz—

The committee to superintend our Boarding School at Providence, presented the following report, which was approved by the Meeting, and directed to be forwarded to our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings, Viz—

To the Yearly Meeting—

The Committee appointed to have the Superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence, report, that they have during the past year, given attention to their appointment, and are encouraged to believe, that the Institution continues to be useful—

The average number of Scholars has been Eighty Five, Viz—forty two males, and forty three females—

Our friends Olney and Lydia Thompson, have acceptably served as Superintendents during the year ending with the last winter term; And Charles Atherton, Samuel Austin, and Edward G. Hoag, have been engaged as teachers in the boys' School, and Mary Atherton, and Gertrude Whittier as teachers in that of the girls for the same time— Elizabeth Prosser has also been engaged as an assistant teacher in the girls' School during the winter term—

The Superintendents having expressed their desire to be released at the end of the last winter term, and the committee believing that usefulness would arise from an arrangement, which would unite with the general care and oversight of the Institution as Superintendents that of taking the general Government and direction of the Schools, and imparting literary instruction therein, to such extent as may be consistent with the other duties of Superintendents, we have engaged our friends Silas Cornell & his wife Sarah M. Cornell of Rochester New York, to come into the Institution in that Capacity, and assume those duties—

Charles Atherton, Edward G. Hoag, and Richard Dunne, are engaged as assistant teachers in the Boy's School, (the latter giving instruction in the Languages) and Gertrude E. Whittier, and Sarah Alice Cornell as assistant teachers in the Girls School for a part or the whole of the present year—

As our friends Silas and Sarah M. Cornell could not consistently with their previous engagements, commence their connexion with the institution until the present time, the former Superintendents kindly consented to remain, temporarily, after their previous engagement expired — and the former arrangements in the Schools have mostly been continued since the commencement of the present term—

The change of Superintendents and the arrangements with respect to the principal charge of the School is now about to take place; and the friends who have for several years occupied the station of Superintendents being about to leave, seems a fitting occasion to express for their encouragement, the Satisfaction of the

Committee with their labors.

These labors were increased during the latter part of the last year by more than usual indisposition among the Scholars. Meetings for Worship have been regularly held in the House, except during the vacations, and harmony has prevailed. On the days of Providence Preparative Meeting, the Meetings at the School have been omitted, in accordance with the consent of the Yearly Meeting last year.

Examinations of the Schools by the Committee, at the close of each term, have been made, as has heretofore been practiced, and the deportment and proficiency of the Scholars have been generally satisfactory, evincing a good degree of aptitude and diligence on the part of the pupils, and faithfulness on the part of the teachers.

The accounts of the Treasurer and Superintendent have been examined and settled. By these accounts it appears, that the income of the School for the year ending with the last Winter term, has been $ 10,836,07, and the expenditures $ 12,136,54; the expenditures having exceeded the receipts by the sum of $ 1300,47. Seven hundred Dollars of this excess, arises from the payment within the year of a demand against the Institution of several years standing.

The amount of expenditures exceeding the income, has been supplied from the balance on hand at the commencement of the year; and being deducted therefrom, leaves a balance on hand at the close of the last term of $ 1558,05.

We would propose that the price of board and tuition be continued the same as last year; viz Thirty Dollars per term for members of our Yearly Meeting, Forty five Dollars for those who are not members, one or both of whose parents are members, and Fifty dollars for those of other Yearly Meetings, payable in advance — books and Stationary being furnished as at present — We would also propose, that each Monthly Meeting have the privilege of sending one Scholar free of expense for one term, the same to be occupied either at the next winter, or succeeding Summer term, at the discretion of the Monthly Meeting — the several monthly Meetings to notify the Committee at their meeting in the 10 month of their conclusion, in case they propose to occupy the privelege in the Summer term —

The committee feel it right to express their belief, that there are advantages to be derived to the youth of our Society at the School, which should serve as an encouragement to Friends to place their children there, that they may acquire a guarded religious education, free from many of the temptations to which they are necessarily exposed in more mixed Schools, especially those over which Friends have little or no control —

And we would earnestly press upon Friends the importance to the Society of a continued individual interest in the welfare of the Institution, in whose endowment & management such lively concern has been manifested by valuable Friends, who are now gathered to their rest —

Signed on behalf & by direction of the Committee —
Providence 6 mo. 1. 1847 — Stephen A Chase Clerk

Third day morning the 15th – Friends convened pursuant to adjournment – The Representatives being called were all present – The Meeting entered upon the investigation of the State of Society by reading the Queries and Answers to them received at this time from our several Quarterly Meetings, and proceeded therein as far as the 4th inclusive – During this important engagement we were sensibly solemnized in feeling together, and under the baptizing influence of Divine Love, much pertinent Counsel and advice were given by concerned brethren – We were impressively reminded of the paramount duty of meeting together for the worship of our Father in heaven, not only on first day of the week, but on other days when a greater sacrifice may seem to be required –

We were admonished to remember the Source from whence proceed all our blessings; that it is from God alone that we derive all that we are permitted to enjoy whether spiritual or temporal; that it is in him we live & move, & have our being – We were exhorted to hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, being concerned to provoke one another to good works, & to love and not neglect the assembling of ourselves together –

Much sympathy was manifested for Friends in lonely situations, where their meetings are very small; but they were earnestly exhorted to faithfulness in the attendance of them – that although they may be frequently held in silence, yet as we are engaged to wait upon the Lord, they often prove seasons of refreshment – Concerned

Friends were encouraged to labor faithfully with those who may be remiss in the discharge of this and other Christian duties, although it may be under a sense of much weakness; that while they may feel their own unworthiness. they fail not to do what is required at their hands by the Head of the Church. by sinking below the gifts he has conferred upon them — Friends were encouraged to leave their wordly occupations, to close their places of business if needful, in order for the due attendance of our week-day Meetings, under an awful sense that He, unto whom worship is due, may even curse our blessings — We were very impressively reminded. to watch the door of our lips, that we sin not with our tongues —

That under a sense of our own frailties, we cultivate charity towards others, and scrupulously avoid indulging in a spirit of detraction, which tends to our own poverty, and the injury of our fellow men —

We were reminded that, as God is love, and as his love has been so abundantly manifested to us, in that he gave his well beloved Son for us, that it is indeed incumbent upon us to love one another, and to do good, one unto another; and that they who have known this love shed abroad in their hearts, cannot fail to feel it flow unto others, producing a spirit of forgiveness towards those who have trespassed against us, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven us — The injunction of our Lord of universal application, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you; do ye even so to them", was very feelingly held up to view as the rule that should at all times govern us in our intercourse with our fellow men — The right training of our children was pertinently dwelt upon, and its necessity enforced as essential to their good, and to the discharge of the responsibility resting upon parents towards those whom our Heavenly Father has entrusted to our care — We were reminded that, by indulging in a mistaken tenderness, we were inflicting a serious injury upon our offspring; but as we were engaged to exercise parental authority in love, it would prove a discipline to our children, by which they might be incited more carefully to heed the requirements of their Heavenly Parent; and habits of obedience be established which would be preserving in their future course of life — Finally both parents and children were affectionately entreated to observe their respective relative duties, that thus they might witness the dew of Heaven to rest upon them —

Adjourned to the fourth hour this afternoon —

Afternoon Friends again assembled —

The Meeting proceeded in the consideration of the state of Society by reading the remaining answers to the Queries —

While thus engaged, we thankfully acknowledge that a precious solemn covering was felt to be mercifully extended over us — A living concern was manifested for the preservation of our members from the reading of pernicious books, which are at this day so abundant in the world; and for their encouragement in the frequent, reverent perusal of the Holy Scriptures, in accordance with the continued concern of this Society since its first rise, and which was so eminently exhibited practically by our forefathers in the truth. We were affectionately reminded that they who are most carefully engaged to follow the direct immediate leadings of the Spirit of Truth, most highly reverence and value those Sacred writings, which were given forth by the same Spirit, and which have been so marvellously preserved pure and unmutilated, to the present day, and which are able to make wise unto Salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Parents were affectionately encouraged often to assemble their families, for the purpose of reading the Holy Scriptures, and in silent introversion of mind, and with prayerful hearts meditating thereon, that their precious contents may be opened to their understandings and blessed to us. We were entreated not to be taken in that snare of the enemy which is laid for us, by inducing us to neglect this practise from fear of being found in a lifeless formality in its maintainance; but that while we should guard, with godly jealousy, against this error on the one hand, we were impressively reminded that we might err on the other hand, and neglect the observance of those necessary practises which are essential to our christian advancement, and which are in the ordering of Him, who knows our necessities, and who has so abundantly provided for them.

A proposition contained in the report of Fairfield Quarterly Meeting, relative to the expenses incurred by the

Yearly Meeting being brought into consideration, the subject is referred to the representatives from the several Quarterly Meetings who are requested to report at a future sitting—

At a subsequent sitting, the representatives made the following report, which was satisfactory to the Meeting Viz— The representatives to whom was referred the proposition from Fairfield Quarterly Meeting in relation to the expenses of the Yearly Meeting, have conferred together thereon, and have come to the conclusion to propose to the Yearly Meeting the adoption of the following minute — the provisions of which are the same as those of the minute made by the Meeting for Sufferings in 1830— and with only a slight alteration in the language to render its meaning more explicit, Viz—

Such Friends as are of ability who attend the Yearly Meeting, should bear their own expenses— but those who may not consider themselves able to do so, who reside north of a line from Boston, running west to the Connecticut river be at liberty to avail themselves of such provision as may be made by this Meeting and that Friends of the Island of Nantucket, and the Representatives from all the Quarterly Meetings, shall be included in the provision made for those north of the line above mentioned in the same circumstances—

In behalf of the Representatives
Sixth month 16th 1847— Stephen A Chase

Among the exercises which have been with us during our deliberations at this time has been a concern for the consistent and upright maintainance by all our members of our testimony to the unchristian nature of all wars and fightings— a testimony in accordance with the belief and practise of the primitive followers of Christ—

We are liable at this time to some peculiar temptations on this account — Our country is involved in war with a neighboring nation, and armies are contending in the field; and the testimony of the Scripture that "every battle of the warrior is with confused noise and garments rolled in blood" is brought home to us by frequent intelligence from the scene of strife — We earnestly desire that all our dear Friends may be mercifully preserved in a Christian frame of mind under these trying circumstances —

To the humble follower of Him, whose kingdom is not of this world, but who as a stranger and pilgrim here, is journeying towards another Country, that is a heavenly,— how do the destruction and horrors of the field of battle, or the city made desolate by an encompassing foe the tears of the widow and the cries of the Orphan, fill his mind with sorrow! He can have no sentiment allied to rejoicing at scenes like these — His soul must be clothed with mourning, and his spirit with Lamentation, and his prayers will be, that that day may be hastened when the nations shall learn war no more —

Our dear friends are affectionately entreated to be careful, how they expose themselves unnecessarily to temptations calculated to lead the mind from a right frame of thought on these Subjects; or by mingling with those who take delight in Such Strife, become in any measure leavened into their Spirit; that in all our intercourse with the World, we may manifest ourselves to be followers of Him, whose advent was announced by the Song of the Heavenly host of peace on earth & good will to men —

In contemplating the present war in which our Country is engaged, its exceeding wickedness has been forcibly presented to us, not only in its direct consequences as a war, but in the principal object, which, as we believe, produced it, namely, the perpetuation and extension of Slavery — We have been concerned that our members may keep ever before them the miseries and Sinfulness inseparable from the practice of holding our fellow-men in bondage and its utter inconsistency with the command of Christ, "Whatsoever ye would that men Should do to you, do ye even so to them": and that we fail not faithfully in the fear of the Lord to bear our testimony against it, not feeling excused therefrom in consequence of its practical enactment not coming immediately [illegible] our view in this part of our Land —

Samuel Boyd Tobey
Clerk to the Meeting this year

Note. Benjamin Buffum is appointed correspondent for Berwick Monthly Meeting, in place of

John D. King, removed from within the limits of that meeting"

Which being read were satisfactory and acceptable to the meeting, and the clerk was directed to forward copies thereof to our several monthly meetings

The Yearly meeting having made some revision in the article of our discipline relating to marriage as appears by the following minute. viz

"At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode-Island in the 6mo. 1847 the following is adopted as our discipline on the subject of marriage, which the Clerk is directed to transmit to our Subordinate meetings, with the request that it be inserted in the printed book of Discipline

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk"

Copies of the said article as revised are at this time received — And the clerk is directed to have a copy thereof inserted in each of the books of Discipline belonging to this meeting and forward the remainder to our monthly meetings

We have also received at this time about 450 Copies of the printed minutes of our last yearly Meeting, which we forward to our monthly meetings

The following minute from our last Yearly Meeting was also received at this time, viz —

"At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island in the sixth month 1847

It was concluded to raise Two Thousand Dollars for the Service of this meeting for the ensuing year, which our Several Quarterly Meetings were requested to forward to David Buffum our Treasurer—

Salem Quarterly Meeting's proportion is Three Hundred Dollars, (19 per cent)—

From the minutes of the Yearly Meeting
Samuel Boyd Tobey. Clerk"

By which it appears that this meeting's proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock is 380 Dollars— And the apportionment of said Sum, between our Monthly Meetings is defered untill our next Quarterly Meeting—

The Representatives to our last Yearly Meeting inform they all attended—

Returning Minutes on behalf of our Friends Lindley M. Hoag, Nathan Douglas, and Phebe R. Gifford were at this time read and approved and the Clerk was directed to sign them on behalf of this Meeting—

The business being closed at this time, we Conclude; purposing to meet again, in Weare, at the usual time in the 10 mo— next—

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Samuel Boyce Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held in Weare 21st of 10 mo— 1847—

By accounts received from our Several Monthly meetings, the Representatives therein named are—

For Salem, Enoch Page, Micajah C. Pratt, John B.

Chase, Solomon Varney, and Nathan Breed –

For Seabrook, William B. Thompson, Edward Gove, Simon Greene, and Thomas Folsom –

For Weare, Thomas W Thorndike, Nathan Breed, Joshua Page, Micajah Breed, and Nathan Sawyer; who are all present but one who was prevented from attending on account of sickness in his family –

The Queries were read at this time, with the required answers thereto, from our monthly Meetings –

The committee in the case of Eli Beede's appeal from the judgment of Seabrook Monthly Meeting presented the following Report. Viz –

"To Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends to be holden at Weare 10 mo. 21st. 1847 –

We your Committee appointed on the appeal of Eli Beede, from the judgment of Seabrook mo. Meeting disowning his right of membership in our Society, having notified the parties have met and fully heard the appellant and the committee of said Monthly Meeting appointed to represent the case, and have examined the copies of the proceedings of said Monthly Meeting in relation thereto; And after deliberation thereon we are united in opinion that the judgment of Seabrook Monthly Meeting in the case ought to be confirmed –

Estes Newhall
Stephen A. Chase
Ephm Leighton
Nathan Breed
Thomas W Thorndike"

which after a time of consideration is accepted, and the judgment of Seabrook Monthly Meeting is accordingly confirmed — And the clerk is directed to inform that monthly meeting thereof, by forwarding them an extract of this minute — And it appearing that said Eli Beede is not in this place, we appoint Josiah D. Chellis, and Thomas Folsom to inform him of the conclusion of this meeting in his case and of his right of appeal to our Yearly Meeting —

Our Esteemed Friends Huldah Gifford and Ruth H. Baker attended this meeting, and produced minutes of concurrence from Sandwich Monthly Meeting Mass- informing that they are ministers in unity; and this meeting is informed that they have attended nearly all the Meetings constituting this Quarterly Meeting, in all of which their company and religious services have been acceptable —

Our esteemed friend Lydia B. Kelly also attended this meeting and produced a minute of concurrence from Smithfield monthly meeting informing that she is a minister in unity; her company and religious services have been acceptable —

Our esteemed friends Mattatiah Gifford, from Sandwich monthly meeting, Mass. companion to his wife Huldah Gifford, and to Ruth H. Baker and Catharine Comstock from Smithfield Monthly Meeting companion to Lydia B. Kelly are also with us at this time; and have produced minutes of concurrence from those Monthly Meetings respectively — Their company has been acceptable to us —

The Clerk informs, that in accordance with the direction given him, he has caused a copy of the revised article of our Discipline upon the subject of marriage to be inserted in the books of discipline belonging to this Meeting —

The apportionment of our Yearly Meeting Stock, again claiming the attention of this Meeting, we appoint Micajah C. Pratt, Enoch Page, Stephen & Chase, Josiah D. Chellis, Thomas Folsom, Robert Brown, Thomas W. Thorndike, Israel Hoag, and Nathan Breed of Weare, to take the subject into consideration, & report their judgment thereon, at our next Quarterly Meeting —

Returning minutes on behalf of our Friends, Daniel Williams, and his companion, James Maxwell, who attended our last Quarterly Meeting, and on behalf of Huldah Gifford, Ruth W. Baker, Lydia B. Kelly, Meltiah Gifford and Catharine Comstock, who are now with us, were at this time read and approved; and the Clerk was directed to sign them on behalf of this Meeting —

We have at this time received, from our meeting for Sufferings, about 475 copies of the London printed epistle for the present year, one of which has been read to our satisfaction; and the clerk is directed to forward them to our Monthly Meetings —

The business being closed at this time we conclude purposing to meet again in Salem at the usual time in the 1mo. next –

Signed on behalf of the meeting –
Samuel Boyce Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held in Salem 20th of 1mo. 1848. –

By accounts received from our several monthly meetings, the Representatives therein named are –

For Salem, Enoch Page, William Hawkes, Micajah C. Pratt, Solomon Varney, and David Rodman –

For Seabrook, Moses Huntington Jr, Newell Ordway, Thomas Folsom, and Edward Gove –

For Weare Thomas W. Thorndike, Ephraim Leighton, Herod Chase, and Nathan Sawyer of Henniker, who are all present –

Our beloved friends John Meader from Providence monthly meeting, and Jacob H. Vining, from Swanzey monthly meeting are with us at the present time and have produced minutes from those monthly meetings respectively, informing that they are ministers in unity, and expressive of their concurrence with them in their prospects of a religious visit amongst us – Their company and religious services have been acceptable –

Our beloved friend Edmund Chase companion to Jacob H. Vining, also attended this meeting, and produced a minute of concurrence from Swanzey monthly meeting, informing that he is an elder in unity;

His company has been acceptable to us—

The Queries have been read at this time, with the required answers thereto, from our several monthly meetings—

The committee to inform Eli Beede of the conclusion of this meeting in relation to his appeal report that the information has been given him—

The committee appointed to consider of the apportionment of our Yearly Meeting Stock, Report that they have met and considered the subject, and are united in proposing that the apportionment for the present year shall be, 50 per ct. for Salem Mo. meeting—

20 per ct for Seabrook " "

And 30 per ct for Weare " "

Which meets the approbation of this meeting— And our monthly meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions to Abijah Chase, Treasurer of this Meeting— And the amount to be raised by this Meeting, being 380 Dolls—

Salem's proportion	50 per ct is — —	190 Dolls—
Seabrook's "	20 per ct is —	76 "
Weare's "	30 per ct is	114 "
		380

Returning minutes on behalf of our friends John Meader, Jacob H. Vining, and Edmund Chase, were read and approved; and the clerk was directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting—

The women inform that Judith Page has appealed from the judgment of Weare monthly meeting in her case, to this Quarterly Meeting; wherefore we appoint Stephen A. Chase, Nathan Breed of Lynn, Robert Brown, and Oliver D. Rogers, to unite with a committee from the women's meeting, and hear the parties in the case, and report their judgment thereon at our next Quarterly Meeting —

The business being closed at this time we conclude; purposing to meet again in Seabrook, at the usual time in the 5 mo. next —

Signed in behalf of the Meeting

Samuel Boyce Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held in Seabrook, 5 mo. 25th 1848 —

By accounts received from our several monthly meetings the Representatives therein named are —

For Salem, William Chase, David Rodman, Nathan Breed, Estes Newhall, Enoch Page, John D. Chase, and Humphrey S. Johnson —

For Seabrook, Josiah D. Chellis, Daniel Beede, John G. Whittier, & Moses Huntington Jr —

For Weare Moses Greene, Ephraim Leighton, & Thomas W. Thorndike, who are all present —

Our beloved friend John Scott attended this meeting and produced a certificate from Baltimore mo. Meeting, held 3 mo. 9th, Endorsed by Baltimore Quarterly Meeting, expressive of their unity and concurence with him in his prospect of a religious visit in this Yearly Meeting— His company and religious services have been acceptable—

Our beloved Friend Comfort Hoag attended this meeting, and produced a minute from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, N. H. expressive of their unity with her, in her prospect of a religious visit amongst us; Her company and religious services have been acceptable—

Our beloved friend Abagail M. Hanson also attended this meeting, and produced a minute from Dover Monthly Meeting, expressive of their concurrence with her, in her prospect of attending this Quarterly Meeting— Her company has been acceptable—

Our esteemed Friend Timothy Hanson, husband & companion to Abagail M Hanson, also attended this meeting, and produced a minute of concurrence from Dover monthly meeting, informing that he is an elder in unity; His company has been acceptable to us—

The Queries have been read at this time with answers thereto, from which a summary is prepared for the Yearly Meeting to be held on Rhode Island in the 6mo. next— And Micajah C. Pratt, Samuel Boyce, Newell Ordway, Enoch Page, Thomas W. Thorndike, Solomon Varney, Stephen A Chase, and Harrod Chase, are appointed to attend said Meeting as Representatives—

The committee in the case of the appeal of Judith Page, inform that they have given attention to the Subject; but not being prepared to Report further at this time, they are continued –

Our Treasurer is directed to pay our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock, to the Treasurer of that meeting –

A testimony of Weare Monthly Meeting concerning our late beloved friend Lydia Breed, was at this time read and approved; and the clerk was directed to make an endorsement thereon, certifying our approval thereof, and forward it to our meeting for Sufferings –

Our friend Abijah Chase, having for many years acceptably served as Treasurer of this meeting, he now requests on account of his advanced age, to be released from that service; which request being granted him, we appoint Micajah C Pratt Treasurer of this Meeting – And Nathan Breed, and Thomas Folsom are appointed to settle the accounts of the former Treasurer, & to transfer the books, and the funds that may be in his hands to Micajah C. Pratt, and report to our next Quarterly Meeting –

Returning minutes on behalf of John Scott, Comfort Hoag, Abigail M. Hanson, & Timothy Hanson were read and approved; and the clerk was directed to sign them on behalf of this Meeting –

A communication from Eli Beede is received at this time, informing that he appeals from the judgment of this meeting in his case, to our next yearly Meeting— Whereupon we appoint Stephen A Chase, Nathan Breed of Lynn, Micajah C. Pratt, & Thomas W. Thorndike, to represent this meeting in the case, before our Yearly Meeting— And the Clerk is directed to furnish said committee, with such extracts from our minutes as may be necessary— And Seabrook Monthly meeting is also, requested to furnish said Committee with such Extracts from the records of that meeting in relation to said case, as may be needed—

Seabrook Monthly Meeting informs, that, that meeting is united in the appointment of Cynthia W. Huntington to the station of an elder; which after a time of solid consideration, is approved by this, and the women's Quarterly Meeting; And the clerk is directed to give the necessary information—

A Report to our Yearly Meeting being read and approved, the Clerk was directed to Sign it on behalf of this Meeting—

The business being closed at this time, we conclude; purposing to meet again in Lynn, at the usual time in the 8 mo. next—

Signed on behalf of the Meeting—
Samuel Boyce Clerk

Summary

Ans. 1. Our Meetings both for worship and Discipline have all been attended, except two small ones, held on the middle of the week, in one monthly Meeting — Those on First days have generally been attended by most of our members, while those for discipline have not been so well attended — Other midweek meetings continue to be much neglected by many, & a few of our members continue to attend Separate Meetings, held under our name — Most Friends are careful to observe the hour — Mostly clear of unbecoming behavior, except a few instances of Sleeping —

Ans. 2d — We believe there is a good degree of Love & unity existing amongus, with the exception of a few in one meeting who have seceded therefrom, and a few others in two of our meetings, in which it is said to be wanting — We trust there is a care with most friends to guard against detraction, yet we are sensible that more watchfulness is necessary — When differences have arisen, endeavors have been used to end them —

Ans. 3. We think there is a concern with Friends to bring up those under their direction, in plainness of speech, behavior, & apparel, and to restrain them from pernicious reading, and corrupt conversation, and to be good examples herein themselves — Yet we are sensible of much weakness, and failing short herein —

We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in our families —

Ans. 4th — Friends are we believe careful with a few exceptions, to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except for medicine — Mostly careful in the other parts of this query —

Ans. 5th — Careful in the several particulars of this query —

Ans. 6th — We think most parents and heads of families, with the young and unmarried, are careful to observe the requisitions of Discipline in this respect.

Yet there are deviations therefrom, and one or two instances of marrying out of the order of Society, under notice —

Ans. 7th — We know of no violation of our testimonies in these respects, except four or five instances of a military nature, a part of which are reported to be under notice —

Ans. 8th We believe friends are generally careful in the several particulars of this Query, although there are a few instances of neglect in the due settlement of accounts, and of punctuality in the payment of debts —

Ans. 9th Mostly careful as to records; a few removals without certificates —

Ans. 10th Care is taken to deal with offenders, we trust in good measure as queried after; Yet we are sensible of weakness and falling short in the discharge of this important duty — We believe judgment has been placed according to discipline —

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Lynn 17th of 8 mo. 1848 —

By accounts received from our several monthly meetings, the Representatives therein named are; For Salem, Estes Newhall, John P. Chase, Daniel Osborn, Joseph T. Nichols, and Samuel Neal — For Seabrook, Oliver L. Rogers, Thomas Folsom, Daniel Beede, Moses Huntington jr, and William Rogers — For Weare, Joshua Page, Samuel Osborne 2nd, and Ephraim Leighton, who are all present but two, for whose absence satisfactory reasons were assigned —

The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed the Representatives have proposed Samuel Boyce for clerk and William H. Chase for assistant; which being approved they are accordingly appointed to that service for one year —

Our beloved Friend Thomas Wells attended this meeting and produced a certificate from Miami Monthly Meeting in Ohio, held 7 mo. 25 1847, Endorsed by Miami Quarterly Meeting, both expressive of their unity and concurrence with him, in his prospect of a religious visit in this Yearly Meeting — His company and religious services have been acceptable to us —

Our beloved Friend Elizabeth Meader also attended this meeting, and produced a certificate from Providence Monthly Meeting, expressive of their unity and concurrence with her in her prospect of a religious visit amongst us; Her company and religious services have been acceptable —

Our esteemed friends Perez Peck, and his wife Hannah Peck, companions to Elizabeth Meader, are now with us at this time and have produced minutes of concurrence from Greenwich Monthly Meeting informing that they are elders in unity — Their company has been acceptable to us —

The Queries have been read at this time with the required answers, from our several Monthly Meetings —

Extracts from the Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting together with copies of the Report of our Boarding School Committee, were received at this time, as follows viz —

"At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode-Island, in the year 1848 —

The Committee having charge of our Boarding School, presented the following report, which was interesting and satisfactory to this Meeting, and the clerk was directed to forward copies thereof, to our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings —

From the Minutes of said Meeting —

"Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk"

"To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England —

The Committee for the Superintendence of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School at Providence, have during the past year attended to the duties of their appointment —

The School has been continued through the year, (with the usual vacations) under the charge of Silas and Sarah M. Cornell, as Superintendents and principal teachers —

During the Summer term, we had the Services of Charles Atherton and Edward G. Young as assistant teachers in the male department of the School, and Lafayette Burr, a young man connected with Brown University has, through the year, given lessons in the Latin and Greek Languages for five days in the week, to a class in this School —

Richard Lane has also assisted in teaching the Languages during part of the time — In the Girls School, Catharine C. Whittier, and Sarah Alice Cornell served as teachers —

During the Winter Term, in the Boy's School, the same teachers remained, and the School being large, Lindley M. Moore was engaged as assistant teacher in addition — Charlotte M. Haines, Sarah Fay Brown and Sarah Alice Cornell were assistant teachers in the Girls School, during the same term —

In addition to the Monthly Meetings of the Committee, and intermediate visits by Subcommittees particularly appointed at these meetings for that Service, semi annual examinations, at the close of each term have been attended by the Committee; That at the close of the Summer term being also attended by a number of the Yearly Meeting's Committee on education —

The several examinations in these various forms, have been in general Satisfactory — The Friends in the immediate care of the Institution, as Superintendants, teachers, or in the more Subordinate Stations, have evinced a careful regard for the good of the School, and a concern for the faithful performance of their duties, to their interesting charge, which have been Satisfactory to the Committee —

Of the Scholars, both male and female, we may say, that generally their deportment has been orderly, and their attention to their Studies and improvement therein commendable — And we are encouraged to believe that the School has continued to be useful, in promoting the literary advancement of the Scholars — and favorable under the Divine blessing, to the awakening and strengthening of good resolutions for a consistent course of life —

The average number of Scholars has been One Hundred and one, viz — Fifty Five males, and Forty Six females —

Meetings for Worship have been regularly held at the times appointed — and the family has been preserved in much harmony —

The accounts of the Superintendent, and Treasurer of the School fund, have been examined and audited — The expenditures of the School for the past year, ending with the last winter term, have been Twelve Thousand, Eight Hundred and Seventeen Dollars, and Forty Three cts. The income has been as follows — Interest from the School fund, Six Thousand, Two Hundred, and Forty Six Dollars, Seventy Seven cts; from board and tuition of Scholars, (including $\overset{\$\ \text{cts}}{130,87}$ for articles sold, and $\overset{\$\ \text{cts}}{157,20}$ due from Scholars for the past terms) Five Thousand, Three Hundred and Thirty Eight Dollars, and Seventy Seven cts —

Total income, eleven thousand, five Hundred, and Eighty Five Dollars, and Fifty Four cts – leaving a deficiency of income to meet expenditures of twelve hundred and thirty one dollars, eighty nine cts –

The available balance in the hands of the Treasurer in the 5mo last, the time of examination, may be stated at Eleven Hundred and Eleven Dollars and forty six cts.

Considerable amount of repairs and alterations has been made during the past year, particularly in the Warming and cooking apparatus at the School House, and some improvement about the grounds, the expense of which exceeding Sixteen Hundred Dollars, is included in the expenditures above reported –

We would propose, that the terms of board and tuition should be continued as last year, viz – Thirty Dollars per Term for members of our Yearly Meeting; Forty five Dollars for those not members, one or both of whose parents are members, and Fifty Dollars for any others who may be admitted – and that each Monthly Meeting have the privelege of sending one scholar free of expense for one term, the same to be occupied either at the next Winter or succeeding Summer Term, at the discretion of the Monthly Meeting; the several Monthly Meetings to notify the Committee at their Meeting in the Tenth month of their conclusion in case they propose to occupy the privilege in the Summer term –

Among the subjects which have claimed the attention and concern of the Committee, has been the promotion of a conformity to our religious profession, and the requisitions of our Discipline by the Scholars in plainness of dress and address — On this subject labour and advice have been from time to time imparted in the Schools — But the committee have a strong belief of the importance of the care of parents, and of Monthly Meetings with the children at home on these subjects.

Under this belief, and in pursuance of what they believed their duty under their appointment, they issued, in the Third Month last, a communication addressed to Friends in the several Monthly meetings, on the subject of plainness of speech, behavior, and apparel, a copy of which is herewith presented —

During the past year, the health of the inmates of the School has been generally good, although we have to note some sickness, particularly a prevalence of colds and sore throats in the Third Month, with which eight or ten of the male Scholars were more or less affected — and the removal by death of two young men, Scholars in the school during the year — The first was Thomas W. White, son of Josiah White, Perquimans county, North-Carolina, who died on the 20th of Eleventh Month last, aged 21 years; And of whom it was recorded, that his deportment during all the time of his being at the School, was orderly and satisfactory, never having in word or deed given occasion for reproof or dissatisfaction —

The second instance of mortality was Benjamin Winslow, of Winthrop, Maine, son of Joseph Winslow — He

Had been affected to some extent with sore throat, which prevailed in the School, but from which he had nearly recovered, when he was seized with disease of the bowels, of which he died on the 3^{d} of Fourth month, after a few days illness, aged 21 years — We believe it may not be without usefulness to say in this report, that the deportment of this young man, during the time he spent in the School, was very exemplary — and after his disease assumed a character which left him little or no prospect of recovery, he was favored unto the end, with much christian composure, and several times remarked, that although he felt his unworthiness to be great, yet he trusted, that by the mercy of his Heavenly Father, through our Lord & Savior, he should find forgiveness of his sins and be accepted — Death he said had no terrors for him — He manifested much gratitude towards those who had the care of him in his illness, and frequently spoke of his parents, towards whom he also felt very grateful, saying he believed their watchfulness and care over him, had done much towards preparing his mind for the solemn change that awaited him —

Signed on behalf and by direction of the
School Committee — Stephen A. Chase Clk —
Providence 5 mo. 30th 1848 —"

"The following information is appended to the New-York Epistle, viz —

Appointments — Wm [illegible] for Saratoga Monthly Meeting, in place of Paul Kirby released at his request

Address, Mechanicsville, Saratoga County, N. Y.

William Potter, for Granville Monthly Meeting, in place of Harris Otis, deceased — Address Granville, Washington County, N. Y.

John Bevans for Pelham Monthly Meeting, in place of Joseph King, deceased — Address Pelham Post-Office, Niagara District, Canada West, Via Lewiston —

Paul Southwick, Peru Monthly Meeting — Address Kees-ville, Clinton County, N. Y." —

Which being read the clerk was directed to forward copies thereof to our several Monthly Meetings —

The following Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting was also received at this time viz —

"At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, held in the 6 mo 1848 —

It was concluded to raise Two Thousand Dollars, for the use of this Meeting for the ensuing year — and our Quarterly Meetings were requested to pay their respective proportions of this sum to our Treasurer —

Salem Quarterly Meeting's proportion is Three hundred Eighty Dollars — (19 per cent) —

From the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting —
Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk" —

and our several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their proportions of said sum, to Micajah C. Pratt, Treasurer of this Meeting —

Salem's	proportion	50	per ct. is	190	Dolls —
Seabrooks	"	20	" " "	76	"
Weare's		30	" " "	114	"

The committee to settle the accounts of the former Treasurer, and to transfer the funds, books, and papers belonging to this Meeting, to the Treasurer appointed at our last Meeting, not having performed that service are continued —

The committee appointed to instruct this Meeting in the case of Eli Reed's appeal, inform that they attended our Yearly Meeting, and were prepared to attend to their appointment; but the appellant did not appear to prosecute his appeal — The committee are therefore released from further attention to the subject —

Salem Monthly Meeting informs, that, that Meeting is united in the appointment of Truman Varney to the Station of an elder; which after a time of solid consideration, is united with by this, and the women's Quarterly Meeting — And the clerk is directed to give the necessary information —

The Representatives to our last Yearly Meeting, inform they all attended —

The Clerk informs that he has received Four Hundred and Fifty copies, of the printed minutes of our last Yearly Meeting; and he is directed to forward them to our several Monthly Meetings —

The committee in the case of the appeal of Judith Page inform that attention had been given to their appointment; but not being prepared to report in full at this time; they are continued —

Our beloved Friend Sophronia Page, spread before this meeting a concern which has for several months rested upon her mind to attend the next Yearly Meeting of Friends of Ohio, with a few other meetings, as expressed in a certificate of Dover Monthly Meeting which has been produced and read — Her prospect claiming the weighty consideration of this meeting, was united with, and she left at liberty to attend thereto, as Best Wisdom may direct — And the clerk is directed to make an endorsement of the foregoing minute upon said certificate, & sign it on behalf of this meeting —

A returning minute on behalf of our friend Thomas Wells, was read and approved, and the clerk was directed to sign it on behalf of this Meeting —

The business being closed at this time we conclude; purposing to meet again at Weare at the usual time in next 10 mo —

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Samuel Boyce Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Weare 19th of 10 mo. 1848.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives herein named are; for Salem Daniel Osborne, Micajah E. Pratt, Joseph G. Nichols, Nathan Breed, and Stephen A. Chase —

For Seabrook, — Moses Huntington n. Daniel Beede, Micah D. Challis, and Wm P. Thompson —

For Weare — Nathan Breed, Harod Chase, Nathan Sawyer of Henniker, and John Page; who are all present —

The Queries were read at this time, with the required answers from our monthly Meetings —

The Committee appointed in the 5 mo. last, to settle with the former Treasurer, & transfer the funds books & papers, to the Treasurer at that time appointed, report, that the service has been accomplished, & that there was at that time no funds in the former Treasurers hands —; And the accounts were balanced.

Seabrook Monthly Meeting has at this time proposed, that their monthly meeting which is now held in the 4 mo. at Seabrook, and the one held in the 9 mo. at Amesbury, should be held in those months at West-Newbury. Which claiming our consideration we appoint Enoch Page, Stephen A. Chase, Nathan Breed of Lynn, Ebenezer Langston, Moses Sawyer, & Daniel Page, 3d to unite with a Committee from the Women's Quarterly Meeting, and give the subject their careful consideration, and report their views thereon at our next Quarterly Meeting —

Returning minutes on behalf of our Friends, Elizabeth Meader, and her companions Perez Peck, and his wife Joanna Peck, who attended our last Quarterly Meeting, were at this time read & approved;

and the clerk was directed to sign them on behalf of this Meeting —

The joint committee of men and women friends appointed in the case of the appeal of Judith Page, presented the following report, viz —

"To Salem Quarterly Meeting to be held at Weare, 10 mo 19th 1848 —

We, your committee in the case of the appeal of Judith Page from the judgment of Weare Monthly Meeting disowning her right of membership in our Society, have met and fully heard the appellant, and the committee of the Monthly Meeting appointed to represent the case, with their allegations and proofs, and have examined the proceedings of the monthly meeting in the case, and after deliberating thereon, are united in the opinion, that the judgment of Weare Monthly Meeting ought to be confirmed —

Susan L. Brown
Eliza B. Boyce
Cynthia W Huntington
Ruth J. Chellis
Stephen A. Chase
Oliver D Rogers
Nathan Breed"

Which is accepted; and the judgment of Weare Monthly Meeting, is accordingly confirmed —

This meeting apprehending that usefulness may result from uniting our Quarterly Meetings held in the 10th, 1st & 5th mos. commence at the 10th hour in the morning, after a time of deliberation thereon, we appoint our friends, William S. Thompson, Enoch Page, Thomas W. Thorndike, Daniel Osborne of Danvers, John Page, Stephen A. Chase, Nathan Sawyer of Henniker, and, Daniel Beede, to unite with a committee from the Womens Meeting, and take the subject into consideration and report their views thereon, at our next Quarterly Meeting —

Our beloved friend Sophronia Page, having had an endorsement upon a minute, granted her by this Meeting in the 1 mo. last, to attend Ohio Yearly Meeting she has at this time informed, that she has accomplished the visit, and that although in the performance thereof she was introduced into deep baptisms, in consequence of the times among Friends in that Yearly Meeting, yet she has been favoured to return with the reward of peace —

The business being closed at this time, we conclude; purposing to meet again in Salem at the usual time in the 1 mo. next —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Samuel Page
Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Salem, 18th. of 1 mo. 1849 —

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named are;

For Salem, David Osborne, Micajah C. Pratt, Nathan Breed, Philip Chase, and James Oliver —

For Seabrook, Moses Huntington Jr. Josiah D. Chellis, and Newell Ordway —

For Weare — Daniel Page, 3d Thomas W. Thorndike, Moses Greene, and Nathan Sawyer of Henniker — Who being called, were all present —

Our Esteemed Friends William Gifford, with a minute from Sandwich Monthly Meeting Mass — David Dudley, with a certificate from St. Albans Monthly Meeting, Endorsed by Fairfield Quarterly Meeting, and Samuel Boyd Tobey, with a minute from Providence Monthly Meeting, are with us at this time, whose company and religious services, have been acceptable —

Our Esteemed friends Joseph Fairbrother, companion to David Dudley, with a minute of concurrence from St. Albans Monthly Meeting, and Azariah S. Gifford companion to William Gifford, with a minute of Concurrence from Sandwich Monthly Meeting Mass — are also with us at this time, whose company has been acceptable —

The Queries have been read at this time, with the required answers from our several Monthly Meetings —

The committee to consider the proposition from Seabrook Monthly Meeting, for changing the place of holding their Monthly Meetings in the 4th & 9th mos — presented the following report — viz — "The committee appointed to consider the proposition from Seabrook Monthly Meeting for an alteration in the place of holding two of their meetings— Report— That several of their number attended Seabrook Monthly Meeting in the Eleventh Month, and had a free opportunity with the members present, on the subject of our appointment— and on deliberation we are united in judgment that the proposition of Seabrook Monthly Meeting should be approved by the Quarterly Meeting—

To the Quarterly Meeting } Stephen A Chase
to be held at Salem 1st mo. 18th 1849 } on behalf of the
Committee"

which after a time of consideration thereon, is accepted; and it is accordingly the conclusion of this meeting, that Seabrook Monthly Meeting which occurs in the 4th & 9th months, be held in future at West-Newbury, the women concurring herein; and the clerk is directed to give the necessary information—

The committee appointed to consider the subject of changing the hour of holding our Quarterly Meetings in the 1st 5th & 10 mos, presented the following Report viz— "To Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends—

The committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting to consider the subject of changing the hour of holding the Quarterly Meetings in the tenth, first, and fifth Months, recommend that said meetings, commence at the tenth hour [in the morning] instead of the Eleventh

Nathan Sawyer on behalf
Salem 1 mo. 18th 1849 — of the Committee"

Which after deliberation is accepted; and it is the conclusion of this meeting, that the proposition be laid before our next Yearly Meeting, for its consideration and decision — The women concurring therein —

A returning minute on behalf of David Dudley being read and approved, the clk was directed to sign it on behalf of this meeting; and he is directed to furnish similar minutes to our friends William Gifford and Samuel Boyd Tobey —

A returning minute on behalf of our friend Joseph Fairbrother, was also read and approved, and the clerk was directed to sign it on behalf of this meeting — And he is also directed to furnish Azariah S. Gifford with a similar minute —

The business being closed at this time, we conclude; purposing to meet again in Seabrook, at the usual time in the 5 mo. next —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting —
Samuel Boyce Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Seabrook, 24th of 5 mo. 1849 —

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named are —

For Salem. Estes Newhall, Joseph S. Nichols, Solomon

Varney, and Micajah C. Pratt —

For Seabrook, William Rogers, Daniel Emery, Jonathan Reede, and William B. Thompson —

For Weare, Moses Sawyer, Thomas W. Thorndike, and Moses Greene — Who are all present —

The Queries, were read at this time, with answers thereto, from our several Monthly Meetings, from which a summary is prepared for the Yearly Meeting to be held on Rhode-Island in the 6 mo. next — And Nathan Breed of Lynn, Enoch Page, Moses Greene, William Rogers, Abel Huntington Jr, Samuel Boyce, Ephraim Leighton, and Joshua Page, are appointed to attend said meeting, as Representatives —

Seabrook Monthly Meeting informs, that, that meeting is united in the appointment of Oliver L. Rogers, and Hannah F. Sawyer to the Station of elders; And Weare Monthly Meeting informs, that, that meeting is united in the appointment of Thomas W. Thorndike, and Joshua Page to the same Stations; which claiming our solid deliberation, the appointment of Hannah F. Sawyer and Oliver L. Rogers, is approved by this, and the Womens Quarterly Meeting; and the clerk was directed, to give the necessary information — The appointment of Thomas W. Thorndike, and Joshua Page, was also approved by this Meeting; But, at the request of the womens Quarterly Meeting, it was deferred untill the 8th month next, for their further consideration —

The clerk informs that he has received from our

Meeting for Sufferings, about 400 copies, of the memorials of deceased Friends recently published, which have been forwarded to our Monthly Meetings –

Our Treasurer is directed to pay our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock, to the Treasurer of that Meeting –

A Report to our next Yearly Meeting being prepared and read, the clerk was directed to sign the same on behalf of this Meeting –

The business being closed at this time, we conclude; purposing to meet again in Lynn, at the usual time in the 8 mo next –

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Samuel Boyce
Clerk

Summary –

Ans. 1 – All our Meetings have been attended; Those on First-days, by most of our members = Meetings for Discipline not so fully attended – Other midweek meetings continue to be much neglected by some – The hour is pretty well observed by most – Unbecoming behavior generally guarded against, yet a few instances of sleeping are apparent –

Ans. 2 – We believe there is a good measure of love and unity maintained amongst us, yet they appear to be wanting with a few – We think there is a care with most Friends to guard against detraction, yet more watchfulness herein is necessary – When differences have arisen, care has been taken to end them –

Ans. 3 We believe most Friends are careful to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech behavior, and apparel; and to restrain them from pernicious reading, and corrupt conversation, and that they endeavor to be exemplary herein themselves, but we are aware of weakness and falling short, with some—

We believe the Holy Scriptures, are frequently read in most of our families—

Ans. 4— It is believed that Friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors, the unnecessary frequenting of taverns, & places of public resort, with a very few exceptions— Careful as to the other part—

Ans. 5th— We think Friends are careful in the several particulars of this query—

Ans. 6th— Friends are generally careful in these respects; yet there are a few instances of keeping company on account of marriage, and of disorderly marriages, under notice—

Ans. 7th— We believe Friends are generally careful in the several particulars of this Query; although one or two instances of individuals attending military parades as spectators, are noticed by one Monthly Meeting—

Ans. 8th— We believe Friends are careful to inspect their affairs, and settle their accounts; and in a good degree punctual in the performance of their promises, and the payment of their debts, and are careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances— Although one or two exceptions are noticed by one monthly Meeting—

Ans. 9th Marriages duly recorded; Births, and deaths, not fully so — A few instances of removal without certificates —

Ans. 10th We trust that care is taken to deal with offenders, in a good measure as queried after — Yet we are sensible of weakness and some delay in the discharge of this duty — We believe judgment has been placed according to Discipline —

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Lynn, 16th of 8mo. 1849 —

By accounts received from our several monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named are;

For Salem, Micajah C. Pratt, James Oliver, William Chase, Solomon Varney, James Purinton, & Enoch Page —

For Seabrook, Daniel Rude, Edward Gove, & Moses Huntington Jr —

For Weare, Henrod Chase, Samuel Osborne, Thomas W. Thorndike, and Daniel Buxton; who are all present —

The time having expired for which the clerks were appointed, the Representatives have proposed Samuel Boyce for Clerk, and John Page for assistant; which being approved; they are accordingly appointed to that service for one year —

Our beloved Friend Enos Pray attended this Meeting, and produced a minute of concurrence from

West Branch Monthly Meeting, Ohio, endorsed by West Branch Quarterly Meeting, expressive of their concurrence with him, in his prospect of a religious visit amongst us. His company and religious services have been acceptable and edifying.

Our beloved friend John D. Lang, also attended this Meeting with a certificate of concurrence from Vassalboro Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting. His company & religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Isaac Jay, companion to Jno Lang, also attended this meeting, and produced a minute of concurrence from Mill Creek Monthly Meeting, Ohio. His company has been acceptable to us.

The Queries have been read at this time with the required answers, from our several Monthly Meetings.

We have received at this time about 475 copies of the London printed Epistle for 1848. which we forward to our Monthly Meetings; One of which having been read to our satisfaction.

Extracts from the Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, together with copies of the Report of our Boarding School Committee, were received at this time and read as follows. Viz.

"At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, held on Rhode-Island, in the 6 mo. 1849.

The Committee having charge of our Boarding School presented the following Report, which is satisfactory to us, and the propositions therein contained are approved and confirmed by this Meeting, and the clerk is directed to forward copies thereof, to our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings —

From the Minutes of Said Meeting —
"Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk"

"To the Yearly Meeting —

The Committee for the Superintendence of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School, have during the past year, paid such attention to their appointments, as way has opened for, and according to their ability have endeavored, to discharge the duties confided to them by the Yearly Meeting —

Our Friends Silas and Sarah M. Cornell, have continued in the Station of Superintendents, and Charles Atherton, and Edward G. Hoag, were engaged as Teachers in the boy's school, during the year, with the addition of Richard D. Meader during the winter term — In the Girls' School, Martha M. Haines, and Anna B. Page, have been engaged as teachers, during the Year, and Lydia Almy was employed in addition during the winter term —

Instruction in the Languages has been given on Five days in the week, in both Schools during the year by Lafayette Burr, and in writing, during the latter part of the winter term, by Charles G. Pinkham —

The average number of Scholars has been 117 — viz — 63 males, and 54 females —

Meetings for worship have been regularly held in the House, harmony has prevailed, and the Family generally has been favored with good health — One or two cases of Varioloid occurred during the fall vacation, on which account the commencement of the Winter term was delayed for two weeks —

Semi-annual examinations of the Schools by the committee have been made as heretofore, and the Institution has also been visited by sub-committees appointed Monthly, and these examinations and visits, have been generally satisfactory, showing a good degree of diligence on the part of the Scholars, and care and vigilance on that of the teachers —

The accounts of the Superintendent & Treasurer of the School fund have been audited —

The expenditures of the School for the past Year, ending with the last Winter term have been about 14,253 Dollars —

The income has been as follows, viz — Interest from the School fund which may be stated at Dolls 6,800, & from board and tuition of the Scholars Dolls 6,400 —

Total income Dolls 13,200, leaving a deficiency of income to meet expenditures of about 1000 Dolls —

The available balance in the hands of the Treasurer in the 5 mo the time of settlement, may be stated at Dolls Cts 508,77 —

During the fall vacation, a considerable alteration was made in the accommodations for the

School in the west wing, by which a more commodious apartment is provided, and which is believed to be a great improvement. The expenses of this change and of various other repairs, are included in the above expenditures. The deficiency in the income to meet the expenses of the Institution, may be principally accounted for from the larger number of Scholars, who have been at the School the past year. The price of board and tuition, for members of our own Yearly Meeting, being only about two thirds the actual cost, and the balance being made up from the income of the permanent fund, it will be obvious that when the number of Scholars exceeds a certain amount, it cannot be expected that the income of the School will meet its expenses, and the number of Scholars for the past year having been larger than usual, there has been, as it is stated a deficiency in the income to meet the current expenses.

We would propose that the terms of board and tuition, should be continued as last year, viz. Thirty Dollars per term, for members of our Yearly Meeting; forty five Dollars for those not members, one or both of whose parents are members, and Fifty Dollars for others that may be admitted, and that five Dollars per term in addition continue to be charged for instruction in the languages. We would also propose that each monthly Meeting have the privilege of sending one Scholar, free of expense for one term, the same to be occupied either at the next winter or succeeding Summer term, at the discretion of the Monthly Meeting — The several Monthly Meetings to notify the Committee, at their Meeting in the 10 month of their conclusion, in case they propose to occupy the privilege in the Summer term —

In pursuance of the authority given to the committee by the Yearly Meeting, a sale has been effected of a parcel of land lying north of Olney Street in the city of Providence, for the sum of Six Thousand five hundred dollars, and the purchase money has been received or secured, in the hands of the Treasurer of the School fund — And in the circumstances under which this piece of land was acquired, it having been purchased from the remainder of a donation from our late friend Moses Brown, intended for the enlargement of the Real Estate of the Institution, the Committee are united in recommending to the Yearly Meeting the permanent funding of the money received from the above sale, and the appropriation of the income only upon the improvement of the Real Estate of the institution —

In Conclusion we would express the desire and hope, that this interesting Institution may continue to claim & receive the fostering care and concern of Friends, and that with the Divine blessing, it may become increasingly useful to the rising generation in our religious society in affording facilities for training them up in a love of the truth, and in an increased concern for the maintainance of those precious testimonies given us to bear –

Signed on behalf of the committee
Newport 6mo. 9th. 1849 – Samuel Boyce
Clerk for the day"

"At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, held on Rhode-Island, in the 6mo. 1849 –

It was concluded to raise Two Thousand Dollars for the use of this Meeting the ensuing year, which our Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward in their respective proportions to David Buffum our Treasurer –

Salem Quarterly Meeting's proportion is Three Hundred and Eighty Dollars (19 per ct) –

Salem Quarterly Meeting proposes that the hour of holding that Meeting in the 1st. 5th & 10 mo. be changed from the 11th to the 10th hour in the morning – with which this & the women's meeting unite – and the clerk is directed to furnish Salem Quarterly Meeting with a copy of this minute –

From the minutes of the Meeting
Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk"

And it appearing from the foregoing Extracts that this Meeting's proportion of Yearly Meeting stock is 380 Dolls, our several Monthly Meetings are requested to pay their respective proportions of said Sum to Micajah C. Pratt, Treasurer of this Meeting —

Salem's proportion 50 per ct is 190 Dolls —
Seabrook's proportion 20 pct is 76 "
Weare's proportion 30 pct is 114 "

And it also appearing that the proposition for changing the hour of holding a part of our Quarterly Meetings, has met the approbation of the Yearly Meeting, our Quarterly Meetings will in future, in accordance therewith, commence at the 10th hour in the morning —

The Clerk informs that he has received about 450 copies of the printed Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, which have been divided among our Monthly Meetings —

Information is at this time given that the Representatives to our last Yearly Meeting all attended —

Returning minutes on behalf of our friends Enos Pray, and John D. Lang, & Isaac Fry companion to Enos Pray, have at this time been read and approved and the Clerk was directed to sign them on behalf of this Meeting —

The subject of the appointment of Thomas W. Thorndike, & Joshua Page to the station of elders, having again claimed the deliberation of the women's meeting it is deferred until our next Quarterly Meeting, for their further consideration —

The business being closed at this time we conclude; purposing to meet again in Weare at the usual time in the 10 month next

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Samuel Boyce Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Weare, 18th of 10 mo 1849

By accounts received from our several Monthly meetings, the Representatives therein named are;

For Salem, Stephen H. Chase, Micajah C. Pratt, Joseph S. Nichols & Estes Newhall

For Seabrook, Oliver D. Rogers, David Dow, and Daniel Beede

For Weare, Nathan Sawyer of Henniker, Joshua Page, Harrod Chase, Levi Gove, and John C. Haseltine Who are all present

The Queries have been read at this time, with the required answers from our monthly meetings

The subject of the appointment of Thomas W. Thorndike, & Joshua Page to the station of elders, is again at the request of the womens meeting, deferred until our next Quarterly Meeting, for their further consideration

The business being closed at this time, we conclude; purposing to meet again in Salem at the usual time in the 1 mo next

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Samuel Boyce
Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Salem 17th of 1 mo 1850—

By accounts received from our several monthly meetings, the Representatives therein named are;

For Salem, Micajah C. Pratt, Solomon Varney, Stephen A. Chase, James Oliver, and David Osborn

For Seabrook, James Squires, Robert Brown, & Thomas Folsom—

For Weare, Samuel Osborne 2nd, Harod Chase, Nathan Sawyer of Henniker, and Nathan Breed; who are all present—

Our beloved friends Reuben Jones from Litchfield Monthly Meeting, and Lindley Murray Hoag, from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, N. H. are with us at this time, and have produced minutes from those Monthly Meetings, respectively informing that they are ministers in unity and expressive of their concurrence with them, in their prospect of a religious visit amongst us— Their company and religious services have been acceptable—

The Queries have been read at this time, with the required answers from our several monthly meetings

Returning minutes on behalf of our Friends, Reuben Jones, & Lindley Murray Hoag, were at this time read & approved; and the Clerk was directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting—

The Women inform, that they are united with this meeting, in concurring with Weare Monthly meeting in the appointment of Thomas W Thorndike, and Joshua Page to the Station of elders; and the clerk is directed to give the necessary information of their appointment —

The business being closed at this time, we conclude; purposing to meet again in Seabrook in the 5 mo next —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Samuel Boyce Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held in Seabrook, 23rd of 5 mo 1850 —

By accounts received from our several monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named are;

For Salem, Stephen A. Chase, Solomon Varney, Daniel Osborne, Micajah C. Pratt, and Nathan Breed —

For Seabrook, William Rogers, Moses Huntington jr, Daniel Dude, and William S. Thompson,

For Weare, Thomas W. Thorndike, Joshua Page, Ephraim Leighton, & John Page; who are all present but one; who was prevented from attending, by bodily indisposition —

The Queries were read at this time, with answers thereto from our several Monthly Meetings, from which a summary is prepared for the Yearly Meeting to be held on Rhode Island, in the 6 mo next;

And Edward Gove, Stephen A. Chase, Samuel

Boyce, Enoch Page, Thomas W. Thorndike, Joshua Page, Oliver D. Rogers, and Estes Newhall, are appointed to attend said Meeting, as Representatives.

This Meeting is united with Salem Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances in the Ministry of Samuel Boyce; the Women's Quarterly Meeting uniting herein; and the assistant Clerk is directed to give the necessary information, by forwarding an extract of this minute, to our next Yearly Meeting —

A testimony of Salem Monthly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friends Henry Chase, and his wife, Betsy Chase; and one from Weare Monthly Meeting concerning our late beloved friend Ruth Osborne, were at this time read & approved; and the clerk was directed to make an endorsement on each of said memorials, certifying our approval thereof, & sign them on our behalf, & forward them to our Meeting for Sufferings —

Seabrook Monthly Meeting has proposed, that all their monthly Meetings commence at the 10th hour in the morning; and this meeting believing that usefulness would result therefrom, the alteration is accordingly made; The women concurring herein — And the clerk is directed to give Seabrook Monthly Meeting the information, by forwarding to that Meeting an extract of this minute —

Seabrook Monthly Meeting has suggested for the consideration of this meeting, the expediency of having a change in the place of holding our Quarterly Meeting in the 5 mo — Which claiming our deliberation we appoint our friends, Micajah C. Pratt, Stephen A. Chase, Thomas W. Thorndike, Ephraim Leighton, John G. Whittier, Moses Huntington Jr, Josiah D. Chellis, Herrod Chase, Edward Gove, Nathan Breed of Lynn, & Enoch Page, to take the subject into solid consideration, and report their views thereon at our next Quarterly Meeting —

Our Treasurer has been directed to pay our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock, to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting —

A Report from this meeting to our next Yearly Meeting, was read and approved; and the Clerk was directed to sign it on our behalf —

The business being closed at this time we conclude; purposing to meet again in Lynn at the usual time in the 8 mo next —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Samuel Boyce Clerk

Summary —

Ans. 1 All our meetings for religious worship and discipline, have been attended — Those on first days by most of our members — Meetings for discipline, not so fully attended; Other midweek meetings are neglected by many — The hour is generally observed by most; a few instances of Sleeping are apparen on account of which some care has been taken –

Other unbecoming behavior generally guarded against.

Ans. 2 – We believe there is a good degree of love & unity maintained amongst us; yet they are evidently wanting with a few – Detraction generally guarded against, but not sufficiently so by all –

When differences have arisen, endeavors have been used to end them –

Ans. 3 – We believe there is a concern to bring up those under our direction in plainness; and to restrain them from pernicious reading, and corrupt conversation; also to be good exampled; yet we are sensible of weakness and falling short herein; we believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families –

Ans. 4th Friends are careful to avoid the use of Spirituous liquors, except for medicine, with but few exceptions, on which account some care has been taken – We believe our members are mostly careful in the other parts of this query –

Ans. 5th The circumstances of the poor have been inspected, their necessities relieved; and their children freely partake of learning – Careful in the other parts of this Query –

Ans. 6th We believe friends are careful in these respects, except two or three instances, of keeping company on account of marriage, out of our

Society —

Ans. 7th — We know of no violation of our testimony in these respects —

Ans. 8th — We believe friends are generally careful in the several parts of this query —

Ans. 9th — Marriages all recorded; births, deaths, and burials not fully so; a few instances of removal without certificates —

Ans. 10th — Care has been taken to deal with offenders in good measure as queried after; yet we are sensible of weakness, and some delay herein — We believe judgment has been placed according to discipline —

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held in Lynn, 15th of 8 mo. 1850 —

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named are;

For Salem, Stephen A. Chase, James Oliver, David Rodman, Estes Newhall, and Daniel Osborne —

For Seabrook, Daniel Beede, Moses Huntington Jr, and William Rogers —

For Weare, Nathan Breed, Nathan Sawyer of Henniker, Joshua Page, Allen Sawyer, and John E. Haseltine; who are all present —

The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed, the Representatives have proposed Samuel Boyce for Clerk, & John Page for assistant;

which nominations being severally approved; the Friends named, are accordingly appointed to that service for one year —

The Queries have been read at this time, with the required answers from our several Monthly Meetings —

The Committee to take into consideration the subject of changing the place of holding our Quarterly Meeting in the 5 mo — presented the following Report — Viz — "To the Quarterly Meeting to be holden at Lynn 8th mo 15th 1850 —

In pursuance of our appointment, we have had under consideration, the subject of selecting some other place for the holding of the Quarterly Meeting, now held at Seabrook in the 5 mo — And we are united in judgment, that said Quarterly Meeting may be conveniently, & usefully held at the village of Amesbury, within the limits of Seabrook Monthly Meeting —

We have once met at Amesbury and consulted with Friends of that place on the subject, and are now informed by them, that they have concluded to erect a new Meeting House there, and for that purpose have purchased a Lot of ground, conveniently located, which we viewed and so considered when there —

To furnish the means of the said purchase of land, and the erection of the proposed house, they have sold the old Meeting-House and Lot, and in addition to the sum realized therefrom, a further sum of about Nine Hundred Dollars will be required to complete the house, & prepare & fence the grounds; Of which sum, we would propose, that the Quarterly Meeting recommend and promote subscriptions from other parts of the Quarterly Meeting to the amount of Three Hundred Dollars —

On behalf of the Committee —

Lynn 8 mo. 14 — 1850 Stephen A Chase
Sophronia Page"

Which after deliberation thereon is accepted; and it being the judgment of this Meeting that benefit would result from holding our Quarterly Meeting in the 5 mo at Amesbury instead of Seabrook, it is concluded that application be made to our next Yearly Meeting for said Change to be made; the Women concurring herein; and we appoint our Friends Micajah C Pratt, Joseph S. Nichols, Thomas W. Thorndike, Josiah D. Challis, Henel Chase, and Thomas Folsom, to open subscriptions among Friends, in order to obtain said sum of 300 Dolls, and report to our next Quarterly Meeting —

We have received at this time about 550 copies of the London Printed Epistle for 1849 which we forward to our Monthly Meetings — One of which having been read to our Satisfaction —

Extracts from our last Yearly Meeting, containing the Report of our Boarding School Committee. Etc. were at this time received and read as follows viz —

"At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-Englan held on Rhode-Island in the Sixth Month, 1850. the Subjoined Report of the Boarding School Committee was presented and read, and was satisfactory to this meeting, and a Committee was appointed to consider the Subjects Specially proposed therein to be determined by this Meeting, and report their views thereon, as well as on any matter connected with the interests of the Institution, to a future sitting —

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England
Sixth Month. 1850 —

We, your committee for the Superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence, have given attention thereto. — Meetings of the Committee at large have been held at the School, Quarterly, and of a Sub-committee for its more immediate supervision have been held there Monthly, in the intervening months, at which reports on the condition of the School have been received from members of the Committee deputed to visit it, & examine into its condition in the intervals of these Monthly Meetings —

We believe, that in this manner a pretty intimate knowledge of the condition of the Institution in its various departments, has been kept up by the committee; and we are encouraged to believe, that this condition has been much in accordance with the wishes of Friends —

The Labors of the committee have been at time called for and bestowed, to encourage the attention of the Teachers & Scholars to the common and indispensible branches of an English education, such as will fit them to fill the common walks of life, and to discourage a neglect of these for the pursuit of such as do not so immediately concern practical business—

Yet we think it right to furnish in the School the means of instruction in some of the more advanced studies, such as Mathematics, Astronomy, the Latin, Greek and French Languages, Natural Philosophy &c—

But we believe that in the present state of education among Friends in this Yearly Meeting, the Institution will be most useful in encouraging such a course of study as looks to the fitting of the Children of Friends, practically to fulfill the duties common to all— while, we agree entirely with the recommendation of George Fox, that Friends' Schools should teach whatever is useful in the creation—

Our friends Silas Cornell and Sarah M. Cornell have continued to serve the Institution as Superintendents, and Charles Atherton, and Richard Q. Meader, as Teachers in the Boy's School, with the addition of Welcome C. Brown during the winter term— In the Girl's School as Teachers, we have had the services of Martha M. Havens, & Anna R. Page, and Lydia Almy during the year— Instruction in the Languages has been given as heretofore, for a part of the year by Lafayette Burr, & for the remainder by George Pierce—

The average number of Scholars had been One hundred and one, viz. Fifty one males, and Fifty females —

The family has generally been favored with health, and harmony has prevailed — Meetings for worship have been regularly held as heretofore in the house. —

The accounts of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the School Fund have been examined and audited. —

The expenditures of the School during the year ending with the last Winter Term, have been \$13754.51 cts —

The income from the School Fund has been \$6,545.20 cts — and from board and tuition of Scholars, and from other Sources 6912.72 — Total income \$13507.92 cts being less than the expenditures by the sum of \$246.59 cts —

The balance in the hands of the Treasurer at the end of the Winter term may be stated at 262,18, being 246,59 less than the balance in hand last year — that being the amount by which the expenditures have exceeded the income —

According to the conclusion of the Yearly Meeting last year, the Committee proceeded to ascertain, as near as might be, the actual expense incurred for the board & tuition of a Scholar at the School, and found the Same to be 66 Dolls per Term, and that Sum, according to the direction of the Yearly Meeting, has been charged the last Term for children members of other Yearly Meetings —

The Committee apprehend that this conclusion of the Yearly Meeting is one which it may be well to review, and they think the present a suitable time for the whole subject of the price of tuition and the application of the funds of the Institution to claim the renewed attention of the Yearly Meeting — They therefore believe it right, instead of proposing the terms for board and tuition the coming year, as has been heretofore usually done, to recommend the whole subject to the deliberate consideration of the Yearly Meeting —

We believe usefulness would arise to the School from the members of the Yearly Meeting's Committee on education attending each of the semi-annual examinations at the School, and would suggest to the Yearly Meeting that such attendance be recommended —

We desire to impress upon the minds of Friends the importance, in our view, of children remaining through the term they enter for, and being present at the examination at its close — Much discouragement to the care takers at the School and to the committee, has resulted from Scholars leaving previous to such examinations, and we believe a serious loss has also often resulted to the Scholars who have thus left, as well as inconvenience to those who remain —

The subject of the training of the youthful members of our religious Society, as it has ever been among the most important and interesting concerns of Friends, so we apprehend it remains to be of deep interest to the well-being both of its objects, and of the Society at large –

There is both truth and instruction in the testimony of Scripture, "Train up a child, in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it" –

We trust the interest of Friends on this subject has not abated, and we feel encouraged to believe, that the School has under the Divine blessing, served to promote the object of a guarded and religious education, and we may express the desire that with the continued care of Friends, it may still be useful to the same end –

Signed on behalf and by direction of the
School Committee – Stephen A. Chase Clerk"
Newport 6mo. 15th 1850" –

The Committee to which was referred the Report of the School Committee, made the following Report viz – "To the Yearly Meeting –

The Committee of Men and Women Friends, appointed to consider of the suggestions contained in the Report of the School Committee and any other subjects connected with the interests of the School, have had the same under consideration, and are united in proposing to the Yearly Meeting, that the price for board & tuition in the School the present year, commencing with the now current term, for members of other Yearly Meetings, be restored to the price formerly charged – Viz – Fifty Dollars per Term –

That the price of Board and Tuition for Children, members of our Yearly Meeting, for the ensuing year be Thirty Dollars per Term — and for Children not members, one or both of whose parents are members, be Forty Five Dollars per Term, and that the same price be charged for any others who may be admitted — Five Dollars per term additional charge, being made in all cases for instruction in the Languages —

That the amount to be appropriated the coming year for free board & tuition, be restricted to the amount of the income of the Charitable fund — Monthly Meetings to send forward to the School Committee, at their Meetings in the 9th & 3rd months, the names & ages of such children, within their limits, as they may think suitable to receive the benefit of the fund, and any other information regarding them, which may aid the School Committee — and the children to be received are to be selected by that Committee — The conditions of the bequest of the principal part of the Charitable fund being in the words of the donor, "For the Schooling of such members of Society as are actually poor, so reputed or not as such by the respective Monthly Meetings —

"Females to have equal advantages of the whole of the legacy as males" —

On behalf of the Committee

Stephen A. Chase

(Newport 6mo. 20th 1850" —

Which is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the

Clerk is direct to forward it, with the Report of our School Committee to our Subordinate Meetings —

In the account from Smithfield we are informed that Benjamin Wheeler wishes to be released from his appointment as Correspondent of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting; whereupon we appoint Edward Earle of Worcester to supply his place —

In the Epistle addressed to this Meeting from Indiana, we are informed that "the following Friends are appointed Correspondents to sign Certificates, minutes, &c — Ashley Johnson for West Union Monthly Meeting in White Lick Quarter — address Mooresville, Morgan Co. Indiana —

Samuel P. Haviland for Greenwich Monthly Meeting in Alum Creek Quarter — address Greenwich, Huron Co. Ohio —

Micajah Johnson for Miami Monthly Meeting, Miami Quarter, in place of James Smith deceased — address, Waynesville, Warren Co, Ohio —

Change the address of Eleazar Hiatt for Chester Monthly Meeting White Water Quarter, to Chester, Wayne Co. Indiana —

Extracted from the Minutes —

Samuel Boyd Tobey
Clerk"

And the clerk is directed to forward the Extracts to our several Monthly Meetings —

The following Extract from the Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting was also received at this time viz—

"At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode-Island in the sixth month 1850.

It is concluded to raise Two Thousand Dollars for the use of this Meeting the present year, which the Quarterly Meetings, are requested to forward in their respective proportions, to David Buffum, our Treasurer

The amount to be raised by Salem Quarterly Meeting for this purpose, is three Hundred and Eighty Dollars — (19 per cent) —

From the Minutes of the Meeting
Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk"

And our Several Monthly Meetings, were requested to forward their respective proportions of the sum to be raised, to Micajah C. Pratt Treasurer of this meeting—

	$ cts
Salem's Proportion 50 per ct is —	190,00
Seabrook's Proportion 20 per ct is —	76,00
Weare's Proportion 30 per ct is —	114,00
	$ 380,00

The Clerk informs that he has received from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting about 550 copies of the printed minutes of the Yearly Meeting, which he is directed to forward to our Monthly Meetings—

The Representatives to our last Yearly Meeting inform they all attended except one, who was prevented on account of sickness—

The business being closed at this time we

Conclude; purposing to meet again in Weare at the usual time in the 10 mo next —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting —
Samuel Boyce Clerk

At Weare Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Weare 17th of 10 mo 1850 —

By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are —

For Salem Micajah C. Pratt, Stephen A. Chase, Thomas Varney, John Marshall, & John Buxton —

For Seabrook, William A. Thompson, David Dow, and Daniel Beede —

For Weare, Nathan Breed, Nathan Sawyer, Daniel Chase, & Samuel Osborne — who are all present.

The Queries have been read at this time with the required answers from our Monthly Meetings —

The Committee to open Subscriptions among Friends for the purpose of aiding in building a Meeting House in Amesbury, inform that some progress has been made therein; But not having completed the object of their appointment, they are Continued, and are desired to Report at our next Quarterly Meeting, And they are directed to pay to the Treasurer of this meeting, such sums as may be contributed for that purpose; And our Treasurer is directed to pay to Moses Huntington Jr. the sum of 300 Dollrs. when it may be needed —

Our beloved friend Lindley M. Hoag, who was present at our last Quarterly Meeting, & whose company and religious services were acceptable, has forwarded to this Meeting at this time, a certificate from Sandwich Monthly Meeting N. H. dated in the 7 mo last, expressive of their concurrence with him, in his prospect of being with us, at the time indicated, which has been read;

It appearing from information given by him when he was with us, that through inadvertence, the certificate had not then reached him — and a returning minute on his behalf, being prepared and read, the Clerk was directed to sign it, on behalf of this Meeting —

The business being closed at this time, we conclude; purposing to meet again in Salem, at the usual time in the 1 mo next —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Samuel Boyce, Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held in Salem, 16th of 1 mo 1851 —

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named are; For Salem, Solomon Varney, Samuel Neall, James Oliver, Joseph S. Nichols, & Stephen A. Chase —

For Seabrook, Edward Gove, Jonathan W. Young, & John Huntington —

For Weare, Nathan Sawyer, John Page, Thomas W. Thorndike, and Daniel Hussey, who are all present —

We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved Friends Lemuel Gifford from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, Mass. Caleb Jones from Falmouth Monthly Meeting, and Martha Meader from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, N. H. who have produced minutes from those Monthly Meetings respectively, expressive of their concurrence with them in their prospects of being with us — Their company and religious services have been acceptable —

Our beloved friend Joseph Wing companion to Lemuel Gifford is also with us, and has produced a minute of concurrence from Sandwich Monthly Meeting Mass. informing that he is an elder in unity, His company has been acceptable to us —

Our beloved friend Mercy H Wing, also attended this Meeting and produced a minute of concurrence from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, informing that She had a prospect of accompanying her husband Joseph Wing, in a part of his proposed visit as companion to Lemuel Gifford — Her Company has been acceptable —

The committee to open subscriptions among Friends for the purpose of aiding in building a Meeting House in Amesbury, inform that there has been raised and forwarded to the Treasurer of Seabrook Monthly Meeting, the sum of Two Hundred & Forty Dollars; And the object of their appointment not being fully completed, the committee are continned, and desired to Report at our next Quarterly Meeting —

Returning minutes on behalf of our Friends Samuel Gifford, Caleb Jones, Martha Meader, Joseph Wing & his wife, Mercy R Wing were read and approved; and the clerk was directed to sign them on behalf of this Meeting —

The Queries were read at this time, with the required answers from our Monthly Meetings —

The business being closed at this time, we conclude; purposing to meet again in Seabrook, at the usual time in the 5 mo. next —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting —
Samuel Boyce Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Seabrook, 22d of 5 mo. 1851 —

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named are;

For Salem, Daniel Osborn, Samuel Chase, Joseph L. Nichols, Estes Newhall, Micajah C. Pratt, and Nathan Breed —

For Seabrook, Moses Huntington Jr, William B. Thompson, Daniel Beede, and William Rogers —

For Weare, Herod Chase, Joshua Page, and Samuel Osborn 2d — Who are all present but two.

Our beloved Friends, Benjamin Seebohm, and Robert Lindsey from Great Britain, and Jared Patterson from Indiana, are at this time with us, and have produced certificates from the Meetings of which they are members, which have been read, informing that they are ministers in unity, and expressive of their concurrence with them, in their prospect of a religious visit in this Land — Their company, and labors of love in the gospel among us, have been edifying, and encouraging —

Our esteemed friend Joseph Griffin, companion to Jared Patterson is also with us, who has produced a minute of concurrence from the monthly Meeting of which he is a member, which has been read — His company and solid deportment have been acceptable to us —

The Queries have been read in this Meeting, with answers thereto from our several Monthly Meetings, from which a summary is prepared for the Yearly Meeting to be held on Rhode-Island, in the 6mo. next; and Stephen A. Chase, Samuel Boyce, Moses Huntington, Estes Newhall, Nathan Breed of Lynn, and Thomas W. Thorndike, are appointed to attend said Meeting as Representatives —

The committee to obtain subscriptions for the purpose of aiding in the building of a Meeting House in Amesbury inform that the premises needed is provided for, and the amount of funds required, has been mostly paid in, pursuant to the direction of this meeting — And a satisfactory arrangement having been made for the payment of the balance, the committee are released from further attention to the Subject —

Weare Monthly Meeting informs that they are united in approving the public appearances in the ministry of John Page; which after a time of solid consideration was approved by this, and the women's Quarterly Meeting; And the clerk was directed to give the necessary information —

Returning minutes on behalf of our Friends Jared Patterson, & his companion Joseph Guffin were read and approved; And the Clerk was directed to Sign them on behalf of this meeting —

Our Treasurer is directed to pay our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock to the Treasurer of that Meeting —

An account to our next Yearly Meeting being prepared & read, the clerk was directed to sign it on behalf of this Meeting —

The business being closed at this time we conclude; purposing to meet again in Lynn, in the 8mo next —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting —
Samuel Boyce Clerk

Summary of the Answers —

Ans. 1 — All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended, except two small ones, held on the middle of the week, which were omitted in consequence of Sickness and inclement weather; Those on First days are attended by most of our members; but midweek Meetings both for worship and discipline continue to be neglected, by a considerable number, and one Monthly Meeting States, that a few have wholly left the attendance of our Meetings — The hour nearly observed by most Friends; unbecoming behaviour mostly guarded against, except a few instances of Sleeping — Some care taken in the abovenamed deficiencies —

Ans. 2 — Love and unity, we believe, are in good measure maintained by most of our members, yet not so fully by some as required — Detraction we trust, is mostly guarded against, yet more watchfulness herein is necessary; when differences have arisen, endeavours have been used to end them —

Ans. 3 — We believe there is a care with Friends, to bring up those under their direction in plainness, to restrain them from pernicious reading, and from corrupt conversation; and to be good examples herein themselves; yet we are sensible of weakness and deficiency herein — We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in most of Friends families —

Ans. 4 — We believe Friends are careful to avoid the use of Spirituous liquors, except for medicine, with but few exceptions — The unnecessary frequenting of taverns, and places of public resort, mostly avoided — Some care taken when there is a coming short of the requisitions of our discipline in these respects — Moderation and temperance are observed, on the occasions alluded to —

Ans. 5. Care is taken in these respects —

Ans. 6 — Careful except an instance or two of keeping company, out of Society, on account of marriage, contrary to the order of Society, which are under notice — And a few cases of mixed marriages, under notice —

Ans. 7th We know of no violation of our testimonies in these respects, except one instance of contributing to the support of a hireling ministry, under notice; And a few cases of a military nature, in which some care has been taken —

Ans. 8th — We believe Friends are generally careful in these respects —

Ans. 9th — Marriages are all recorded — Births, deaths, & burials, not fully so — A few instances of removals without Certificates —

Ans. 10th — Care has been taken to deal with offenders, we trust, in good measure, as queried after; yet we are sensible of weakness, and some delay, in the discharge of this duty — We believe judgment has been placed according to discipline —

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Lynn, 21st of 8 mo 1851 —

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named are; For Salem Estes Newhall, Samuel Neal, Joseph G. Nichols, James Oliver, and Stephen A. Chase —

For Seabrook, Oliver G. Rogers, William Rogers, Moses Huntington, and Daniel Beede —

For Weare, Daniel Page 3d, John Peasly, Herod Chase, and Samuel Osborn 2d —, who are all present —

The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed, the Representatives have proposed Samuel Boyce for Clerk, and John Page for assistant; which being approved they are accordingly appointed to that service for one year —

Our beloved Friends Daniel Wood from Allum Creek Monthly Meeting, Ohio, and William H. Chase from Scipi Monthly Meeting, Newyork, are at this time with us, & have produced certificates from those meetings respectively, expressive of their concurrence with them in their prospects of religious engagements amongst us; Their company and religious services have been acceptable —

The Queries have been read, with the required answers from our several Monthly Meetings —

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting containing the Report of our Boarding School Committee Etc. were rec.d at this time as follows viz —

At our yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island in the 6mo. 1851 —

To the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings —

The subjoined annual Report of the Boarding School Committee was presented and read, and a Committee was appointed to take the same into consideration, and report their judgment on the propositions contained therein to a future sitting —

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, Sixth Month 1851 —

The Committee for the Superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence, Report — that they have given attention to their appointment, and from time to time met as a Committee at large and by Subcommittees for the Supervision of the School and its various concerns —

The Committee have, they trust, felt the weight and importance of their interesting charge, and have endeavored according to their ability to promote in the Institution a religious, guarded education, consistent with our religious profession —

The School during the year has been under the charge of our friends Silas and Sarah M. Cornell as Superintendents. — Charles Atherton and Moses C. Stevens have served as Teachers through the year, in the male department, with the addition of John Henry Crossman, during the winter Term — In the female department we have had the services of Anna B. Page and Anna Inman during the Summer Term, and of the latter with Deborah Holway and

Mary W. Hawkes during the Winter Term — Elizabeth Crosser has also been engaged as Teacher of Sewing and has had the care of some of the younger Scholars in both Schools during the year — Instruction in the Latin and Greek Languages has been given by George Pierce for both terms, and in the French Language during the Winter Term by Louise Parrot a native French Teacher —

The average number of Scholars has been ninety two, viz forty eight males, and forty four females —

During the Summer Term, the health of the family was generally good — In the Winter Term the measles prevailed to a great extent among the Scholars, there having been forty six cases among one hundred and twenty one Scholars in the School at the time —

It was cause of thankfulness that all these cases terminated in recovery to health, except one — Mary Smith, daughter of Moses Smith, of Dartmouth, an interesting young woman, of amiable disposition and very exemplary deportment, was removed by death — She took the disease while laboring under some other bodily infirmities, which probably tended to increase its severity — Her strength rapidly declined, and after being confined to her room four days only, her gentle spirit passed away on the evening of the 21st. of First month, being a few days over 18 years of age —

The accounts of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the School fund have been audited —

The expenditures of the School for the year ending with the Winter Term have been $13,413.12 —

The Income received from the School Fund has been $7.495 and from board, tuition, and other sources, $6.137.77 – Total income, including balance of last year, $13,632,77; – leaving unexpended in the Superintendent's hands, $217.65 ct an amount about equal to that in hand in Spring of 1850 –

Beside the above expenditures, the sum of $527.50 ct has been expended on improvements on the farm and premises, and in the purchase of Scientific books, from funds specially appropriated to those objects –

We would propose that the terms for board and tuition the coming year, should remain as last year, viz – for members of our Yearly Meeting Thirty Dollars per Term – for members of other Yearly Meetings Fifty Dollars per Term – and for children not members, one or both of whose parents are members of our Yearly Meeting, Forty Five Dollars per Term, and that the same price be charged for any others who may be admitted – Five Dollars per Term additional charge being made in all cases for instruction in the Languages – That the amount to be appropriated the coming year, for free board and tuition, be restricted to the amount of the income of the charitable fund –

Monthly Meetings to send forward to the School Committee, at their Meetings in the 9 mo. & in the 3 mo. the names and ages of such children, within their limits, as they may think suitable to receive the benefit of the fund, and any information regarding them which may aid the School Committee; and the children to be received, to be selected by that Committee –

The condition of the bequest of the principal part of the charitable fund being, in the words of the donor, "For the Schooling of such members of the society as are actually poor, supported or not as such by the respective Monthly Meetings. Females to have equal advantages of the whole of the legacy as males" —

The Subject of the continuance of holding meetings for worship for the Scholars and family in the house, has been several times, during the year, solidly considered, by the Committee; and it has resulted in the conclusion to bring the subject before the Yearly Meeting for their consideration, with a view, if the Yearly Meeting should unite therein of the Committee for the Superintendence of the School the coming year, being authorized, as way may open for it, to direct the discontinuance of such meetings in the house, and the attendance of the Scholars and family of the Meetings for worship in Providence —

In conclusion we would express a feeling of thankfulness for the sense we have of the Continued usefulness of this School; and for the religious concern cherished, we trust, by Friends, that under the blessing of Divine Providence, the School may be increasingly useful in fostering in the minds of our young Friends a love for the religious profession of the Society in which they have the privilege of membership, and a continued and increasing Solicitude that the precious doctrines professed by us may be faithfully upheld before the world — that the injunction of our blessed Savior may be increasingly obeyed amongst us. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven." —

Signed by direction and on behalf of the School Committee, Stephen A Chase, Clerk

Providence 6 mo. 3. 1851" —

Which is satisfactory, and the clerk is directed to forward copies thereof to our Subordinate Meetings.

From the minutes of the Meeting

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk"

Copies of a revision of discipline, prepared by the Yearly Meeting are also received, which the clerk is directed to forward to our Subordinate Meetings, taking care first to have copies thereof inserted in the books of Discipline belonging to this Meeting —

We have received at this time from our Yearly Meeting, copies of the London Printed Epistle for 1851, and of an Epistle from London Yearly Meeting to their junior members, which are directed to be forwarded to our Subordinate Meetings, the reading of them being deferred until our next Quarterly Meeting —

The following Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, were also received, viz —

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England held on Rhode-Island in the 6 mo. 1851 —

In the Report from Salem Quarterly Meeting is the following proposition viz —

"The subject of changing the place of holding our Quarterly Meeting held in the 5 mo. having claimed our serious consideration, it was concluded to propose to the Yearly Meeting, that our Quarterly Meeting held in that month should in future be held at Amesbury instead of Seabrook; it being believed that benefit would result from such a change — The women's meeting uniting herein —"

"Which with the concurrence of the womens' Yearly meeting is united with, and it is accordingly directed that that Quarterly Meeting in the 5 mo. shall in future be held at Amesbury — And the Clerk is directed to furnish Salem Quarterly Meeting with a copy of this minute —

It was concluded to raise Two Thousand Dollars for the use of this Meeting the ensuing year, which our Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward in their respective proportions to David Buffum our Treasurer —

The quota of Salem Quarterly Meeting (19 per ct) is three Hundred & Eighty Dollars — (380) —

By direction of the Meeting —
Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk"

And our several Monthly Meetings were requested to forward their proportions of said sum, to Micajah C. Pratt Treasurer of this Meeting —

Salem's proportion	50 pct is —	190	Doll.
Seabrook's	" 20 p. —	76	"
Weare's	" 30 p. .. —	114	"
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The Clerk is directed to forward information of the change in the place of holding our Quarterly Meeing in the 5 mo. to our Several Monthly Meetings —

Our beloved friend Samuel Boyce a minister in unity with us, in a feeling manner opened in this meeting a prospect which has for some months rested on his mind of attending the Yearly Meetings of Ohio and Indiana, and if way should open for it appoint a few meetings within their limits; and also to attend some meetings on his way, going and returning; after a time of weighty consideration, much unity and sympathy were expressed with him in his prospect, and he is left at left at liberty and encouraged to proceed therein as best Wisdom may direct — And the assistant clerk is directed to endorse the substance of this minute upon the minute granted him by Salem Monthly Meeting, and sign it on our behalf —

Returning minutes on behalf of our Friends Daniel Wood and William H. Chase, were read and approved; And the Clerk was directed to sign them on behalf of this Meeting —

A Memorial of Salem Monthly Meeting concerning our late beloved Friend Sophronia Page, was at this time read & approved; It being read before our men & women's meetings collectively assembled — And the Clerk was directed to make an endorsement thereon, certifying our approval thereof, and sign it on our behalf, and forward it to our Meeting for Sufferings —

The Representatives to our last Yearly Meeting inform, they all attended —

The business being closed at this time we

conclude; purposing to meet again in Weare, at the usual time in the 10th mo next —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Samuel Page
Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Weare 16th of 10 mo 1851 —

By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are; For Salem, Estes Newhall, Micajah C. Pratt, Enoch Page, Daniel Osborne, and Joseph T. Nichols —

For Seabrook, William B. Thompson, Josiah D. Chellis, and Daniel Beede —

For Weare, Levi Gove, John C. Haseltine, Herod Chase, Samuel Osborne 2nd, & Nathan Breed who are all present —

The Queries have been read at this time, with the required answers thereto from our several Monthly Meetings —

The London printed Epistle for 1850, the reading of which was refered from our last Quarterly Meeting, was read at this time, to our comfort and edification, and its contents are affectionately recommended to the careful observance of Friends —

The Epistle addressed by the same meeting to its Junior members, was also read to our comfort and encouragement —

This and the Womens Quarterly Meeting have united with Seabrook Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Ruth J. Challis to the station of an elder; and the clerk was directed to give the necessary information —

The business being closed at this time we conclude; purposing to meet again in Salem at the usual time in the 1st mo. next —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Assistant Clerk —

At Union Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Salem 15th of 1 mo. 1852 —

By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are —

For Salem, Nathan Breed, Goold Brown, Philip Chase, Joseph S. Nichols, and Enoch Page —

For Seabrook, Josiah D. Challis, and Daniel Beede,

For Weare, Samuel Osborne 2nd Thomas W. Thorndike, David Gove, & Samuel Page 3rd who are all present but one —

Our beloved friend Reuben Jones attended this meeting, with a certificate of concurrence from Litchfield Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 17th of 12 mo. 1851. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

We have at this time the acceptable company of several members of the Yearly Meeting's Committee appointed to visit subordinate meetings, families, and individuals, who have produced a minute of their appointment —

The Queries were read at this time with the requisite answers from our Monthly Meetings –

We have received the following Communication from a committee of Salem Monthly Meeting; viz –

"To Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends to be held at Salem 1st Mo. 15th 1852 –

Salem Monthly Meeting, having come to the conclusion after solid consideration that an appointment of an Elder or Elders in that Monthly Meeting is right and proper, have appointed a committee to consider of a Friend or Friends suitably qualified for that Station – And said committee having united in proposing one or more Friends for that Station hereby request the Quarterly Meeting to appoint a Committee, with whom they may advise in relation thereto, agreeably to discipline –

Salem 1st Mo. 15th 1852 –

On behalf of the Committee of Salem
Monthly Meeting Estes Newhall
Amos Keene"

Whereupon we appoint Joshua Page, Ephraim Leighton, Thomas W. Thorndike, Moses Huntington Jr, and William Rogers to unite with them in considering the subject therein proposed agreeably to Discipline –

A Testimony of Weare Monthly Meeting concerning our late beloved friend Alice Page having been read and approved, the clerk is directed to make an endorsement thereon of this minute and sign it on behalf of this meeting, & forward it to our

Meeting for Sufferings —

A returning minute on behalf of our friend Reuben Jones having been read and approved, the clerk was directed to sign it on behalf of this Meeting —

The business being closed at this time, we conclude; purposing to meet again in Amesbury at the usual time, in the 5 mo. next —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Assistant Clerk —

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Amesbury 27th of 5 mo. 1852 —

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named are —

For Salem, Nathan Breed, Daniel Osborne, Estes Newhall, Joseph [illegible] Thomas, Stephen A. Chase, & Micajah C. Pratt;

For Seabrook, William Rogers, Thomas Folsom, John Huntington, & Edward Gove —

For Weare, Thomas W. [illegible], [illegible] Chase, John Page, Daniel Page 3rd & Joshua Page; who are all present except two —

The Queries were read at this time with answers thereto from our Monthly Meetings; from which a summary is prepared for the Yearly Meeting, to be held on Rhode-Island, in the 6 mo. next; and Nathan Breed of Salem, Micajah C. Pratt, William Rogers Jr., Daniel Page 3rd, Samuel Page, Estes Newhall, and Joshua Page, are appointed to attend said Meeting, as Representatives—

The committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting to advise with a committee of Salem Monthly Meeting, in relation to the appointment of elders in that meeting, inform that they have paid attention to their appointment, & have given such advice concerning the subject as appeared to be called for — The committee are therefore released from further attention thereto—

Salem Monthly Meeting informs that they apprehend benefit would result, from having their Monthly Meetings in the 6 mo— held on 5th day, preceding the 2d 6th day, instead of being held as they, now are; which, claiming the consideration of this, and the womens Quarterly Meeting; it is concluded that the proposed change be made—

It being proposed by Salem Monthly Meeting, that our Quarterly Meetings in the 5 mo— should be held on the 3d 5th day, instead of being held as they now are; the subject has claimed our solid consideration; and this meeting apprehending that the accommodation of our members in regard to attending our Quarterly Meetings, in the 5 mo— would not be increased by making such a change, the subject is accordingly indefinitely deferred—

Our beloved friend Samuel Boyce informed this Meeting that he has returned the certificate granted him by Salem Monthly Meeting, which was indorsed by this meeting in the 1 mo. last, and has also given information, that he was enabled to attend all the meetings he had in prospect, to the peace of his own mind —

He has produced returning minutes from Allum Creek Monthly, & Quarterly Meetings, and from the Yearly Meeting of Indiana, all of which are satisfactory —

A report from this meeting to our next Yearly meeting was prepared and read; and the clerk was directed to sign it on our behalf —.

The business being accomplished at this time, we conclude; purposing to meet again in Logan at the usual time in the 8 mo. next —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Samuel Boyce
Clerk

Summary —

Ans 1 All our meetings both for worship and discipline have been regularly attended; those on First-days by most of our members — Meetings for discipline not so fully attended — Other midweek meetings continue to be neglected by many of our members — The hour nearly observed by most Friends — Unbecoming behaviour generally guarded against, except a few instances of sleeping — Some care taken in these deficiencies —

Ans 2 We believe love and unity are in a good measure maintained, by most of our members, yet not so fully in some instances as desired after — Detraction generally guarded against — Endeavours have been used to end differences when they have arisen —

Ans. 3 – We believe most Friends are concerned to bring up those under their direction in plainness, to restrain them from pernicious reading, and corrupt conversation, and to be good examples herein themselves; yet some are deficient in these respects; We believe the Holy Scriptures, are frequently read in Friends families –

Ans. 4th – We believe Friends are generally careful to avoid the use of Spirituous liquors, except for medicine; Yet there a few exceptions in relation thereto, on account of which some care has been taken – The unnecessary frequenting of taverns & places of public resort mostly avoided; Moderation and temperance are observed on the occasions alluded to –

Ans. 5th – Care is taken in the several particulars of this query

Ans. 6th – There is a care with Friends that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline – yet there are two instances of keeping company out of society, on account of marriage, in relation to which care has been taken, and one instance of marrying out from among Friends –

Ans. 7th – We know of no violation of our testimonies in these respects –

Ans. 8th – Mostly careful in these respects –

Ans. 9th – Marriages all recorded; Births, deaths, and burials not fully so – A few removals without certificates –

Ans. 10th – Care has been taken to deal with offenders in trust, in good measure as queried after; yet we are sensible of weakness, and some delay in the discharge of this duty – We believe judgment has been placed according to discipline –

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